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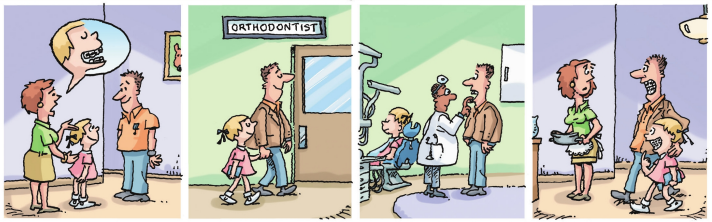

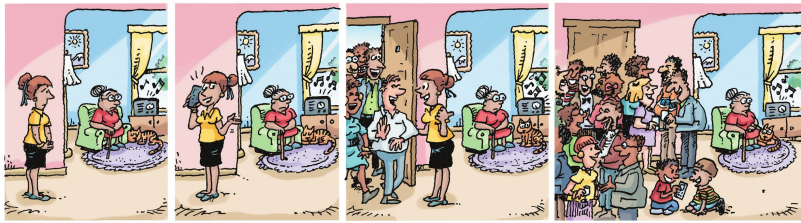

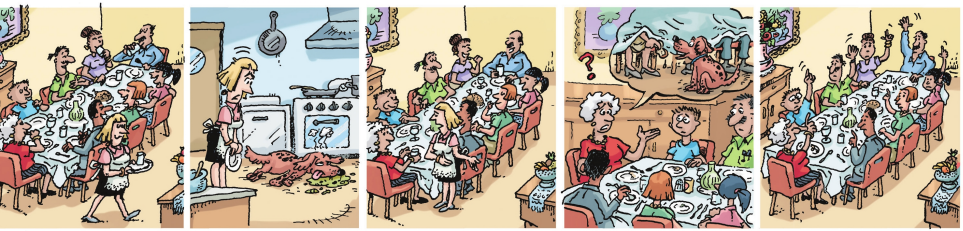

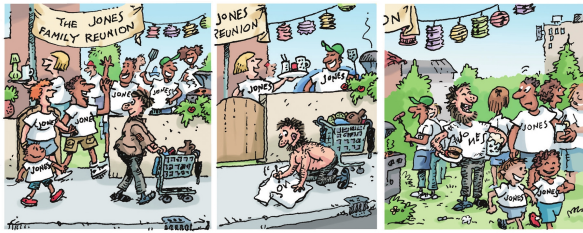

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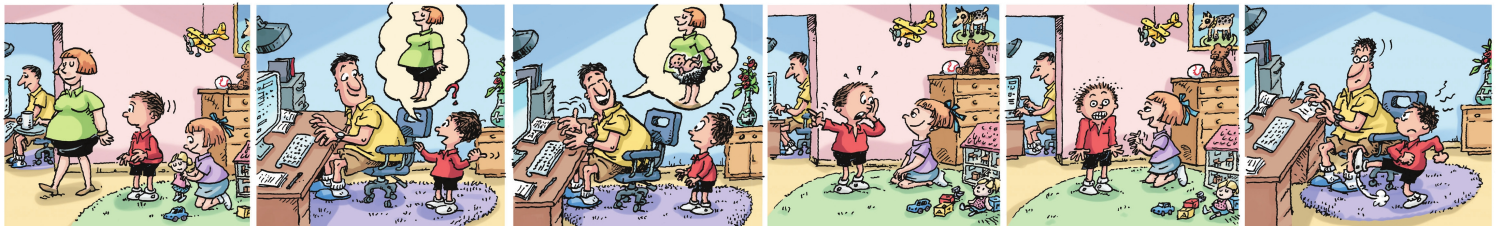

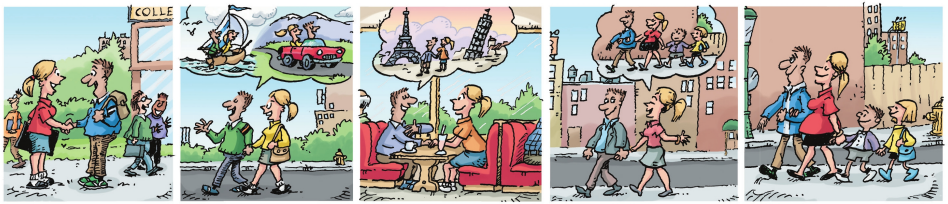
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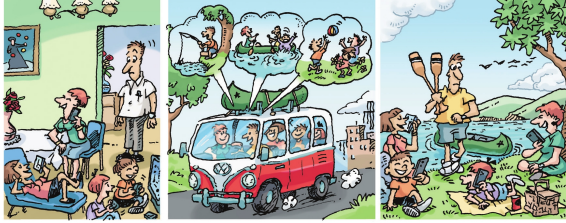

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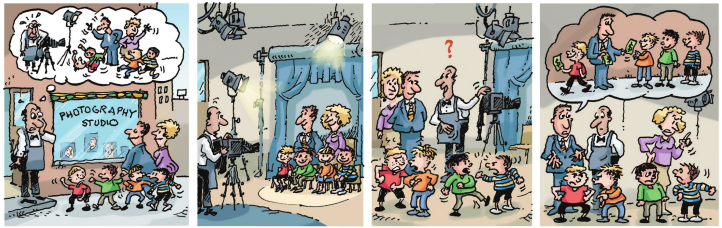
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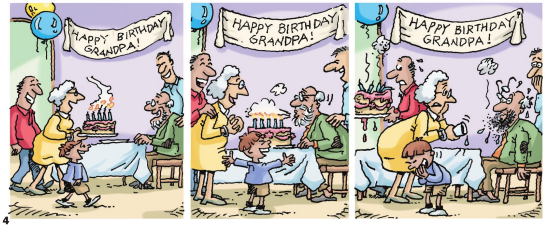
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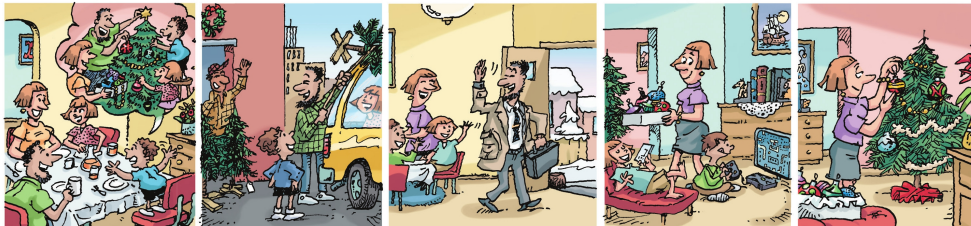


KEANE OBSERVATIONS DEPT.

It's time to make the funny pages great again! So let's turn back the clock (and social progress) as we grimly smile at the antics of America's First Dad and Mom, and their adorable scamps...

THE TRUMP FAMILY CIRCUS

"Dad's punishing me for sayin' the seven dirty words. 'Live, from New York, it's Saturday Night!'"

"Daddy, where'd Chris Christie go?"

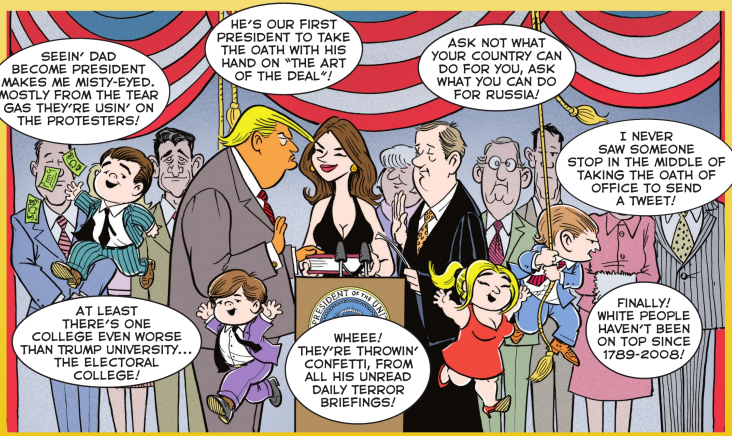
"2+2 is 4, which is what my daddy said you are after he saw you at the last parent-teacher conference."

"Who thinks your father can bring this divided nation together?"

Because the artist shares President Trump's work ethic, today's cartoon was drawn by little Donny (age 39¾).
MISS UNIVERSE DRESSING ROOM
KEEP OUT

My father is the #1 best at international relations!

"No, sweetie, not EVERYTHING is radical Islamic terrorism."


SEEIN' DAD BECOME PRESIDENT MAKES ME MISTY-EYED. MOSTLY FROM THE TEAR GAS THEY'RE USIN' ON THE PROTESTERS!
HE'S OUR FIRST PRESIDENT TO TAKE THE OATH WITH HIS HAND ON "THE ART OF THE DEAL"!
ASK NOT WHAT YOUR COUNTRY CAN DO FOR YOU, ASK WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR RUSSIA!
I NEVER SAW SOMEONE STOP IN THE MIDDLE OF TAKING THE OATH OF OFFICE TO SEND A TWEET!
AT LEAST THERE'S ONE COLLEGE EVEN WORSE THAN TRUMP UNIVERSITY... THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE!
WHEEE! THEY'RE THROWIN' CONFETTI, FROM ALL HIS UNREAD DAILY TERROR BRIEFINGS!
FINALLY! WHITE PEOPLE HAVEN'T BEEN ON TOP SINCE 1789-2008!

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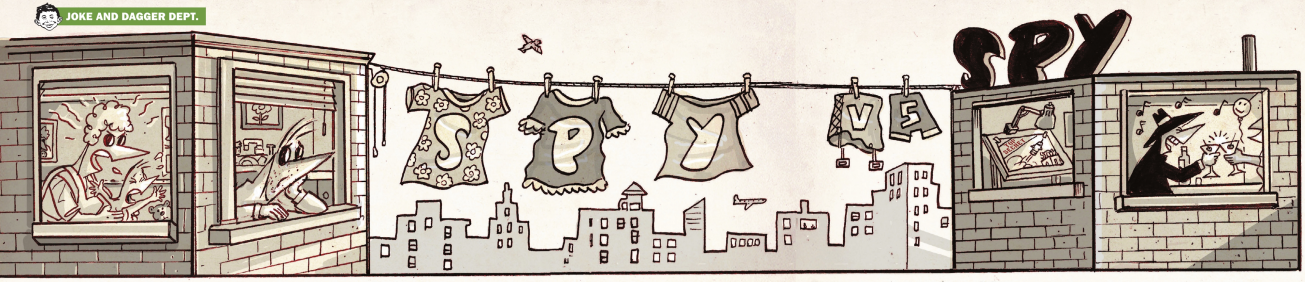

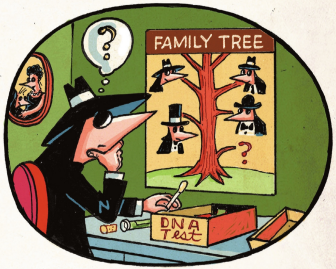

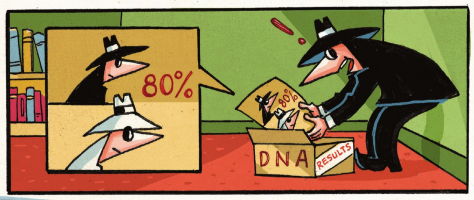

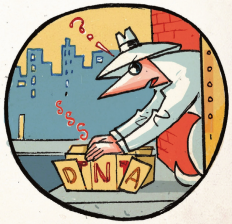

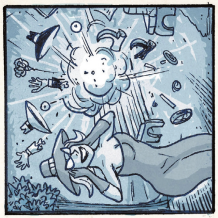

WRITER & ARTIST PETER KUPER

Hardly a day goes by that letters don't pour into MAD's palatial tenement offices from deficients all over the country asking: "Just who is this Alfred E. Neuman?" "Where did he come from?" "What does he want?" "Who cares anyway?" etc. In answer to this great upsurge of interest in the subject, MAD has employed a genealogist (who works cheap) to investigate Alfred's background and fill us in on...

Alfred E. Neuman's FAMILY TREE

WRITER **TOM KOCH** ARTIST **WALLACE WOOD**

WHAT, ME WORRY?
NU MUN
2,538,391 B.C.-2,538,340 B.C.
First man to be convinced that invention of fire was just a passing fad.
TUT-ANKH-NU-MEN
6328 B.C.-6251 B.C.
Labored 27 years on pyramid of Ramses IX, regarded as eighth wonder of the world, which collapsed three days after its completion.
SOCRATES NUMANOS
508 B.C.-462 B.C.
Created classic philosophy calling for Greece to be ruled by an élite of clods.
OLD HEMLOCK LAGER
NERO NUMINUS
51 A.D.-122 A.D.
Sold asbestos togas while Rome burned.
FIRE SALE
ASBESTOS
ALFRED THE HUN
453-513
Stayed home in Mongolia and operated a black market lichee nut shop, while Attila's hordes conquered the known world.
5 YEN LB.
ALFRED THE CHICKEN-HEARTED
1193-1258
Started out on Second Crusade. Made mistake of trying to ford stream three miles from home with armor on.
JOHANNES NEUMANBERG
1417-1462
Attempted to print first book from moveable type. Gave up when he discovered he couldn't read.
PLAN AHEAD
think
Was, mich vorgeen
CHRISTOPHER NUMUNBUS
1462-1513
Sailed Westward in 1492 searching for short route to Indies. Through poor navigation, discovered Sweden.
SPECIAL EXCURSION RATES
AMERIGO NUMANUCCI
1470-1526
Read of discoveries of kinsman Christopher Numunbus, was convinced it proved Earth was flat, and spent rest of life searching for edge.
MICHAELANEUMANO
1508-1562
Commissioned to paint ceiling of Sistine Chapel, mistakenly painted ceiling of building next door, which was condemned and torn down the following week.
ELDER NEUMAN
1584-1658
Convinced the "Mayflower" was unseaworthy, remained in England and went bankrupt in the Used Galoshes business.
SIR ISAAC NEUMAN
1602-1681
Disagreed with Newton's Law of Gravity, spent 45 years in futile effort to prove things could fall up.
BENJAMIN NEUMAN
1707-1793
Successfully flew a kite during a storm; and thereby proved the existence of wind.
Rare Aluminum Attack
GENERAL GEORGE NEUMAN
1732-1793
Crossed the Delaware with a ragged army, and passed Washington going the other way.
PAUL NEUMAN
1733-1781
Waited to bring the news to every Middlesex village and farm, then forgot whether two lamps meant by land or by sea, so he went home.
DON'T TREAD ON ME
TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION IS POOBAH
PATRICK NEUMAN
1742-1801
Seeking to avoid public censure, yet convinced the Colonies would lose The Revolution, became only man to sign the Declaration of Independence in disappearing ink.

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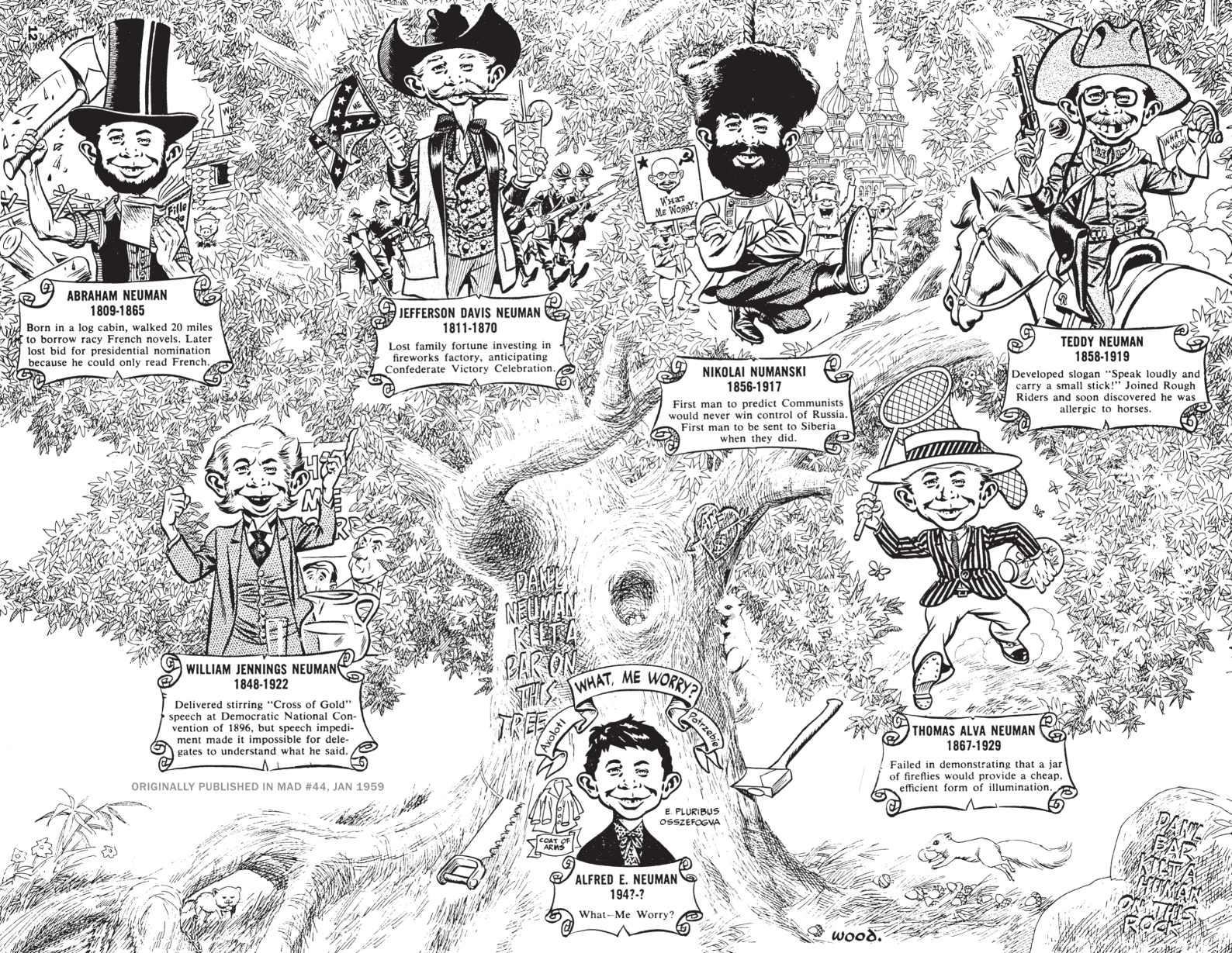
ABRAHAM NEUMAN
1809-1865
Born in a log cabin, walked 20 miles to borrow racy French novels. Later lost bid for presidential nomination because he could only read French.
JEFFERSON DAVIS NEUMAN
1811-1870
Lost family fortune investing in fireworks factory, anticipating Confederate Victory Celebration.
NIKOLAI NUMANSKI
1856-1917
First man to predict Communists would never win control of Russia. First man to be sent to Siberia when they did.
TEDDY NEUMAN
1858-1919
Developed slogan "Speak loudly and carry a small stick!" Joined Rough Riders and soon discovered he was allergic to horses.
WILLIAM JENNINGS NEUMAN
1848-1922
Delivered stirring "Cross of Gold" speech at Democratic National Convention of 1896, but speech impediment made it impossible for delegates to understand what he said.
THOMAS ALVA NEUMAN
1867-1929
Failed in demonstrating that a jar of fireflies would provide a cheap, efficient form of illumination.
DAMN NEUMAN KLETA BAR ON THIS TREE
WHAT, ME WORRY?
Avoloh!
Patrzcie!
E. PLURIBUS OSSZEFOGVA
COAT OF ARMS
ALFRED E. NEUMAN
194?-?
What–Me Worry?
wood.
DAMN BAR NEUMAN KLETA ON THIS ROCK

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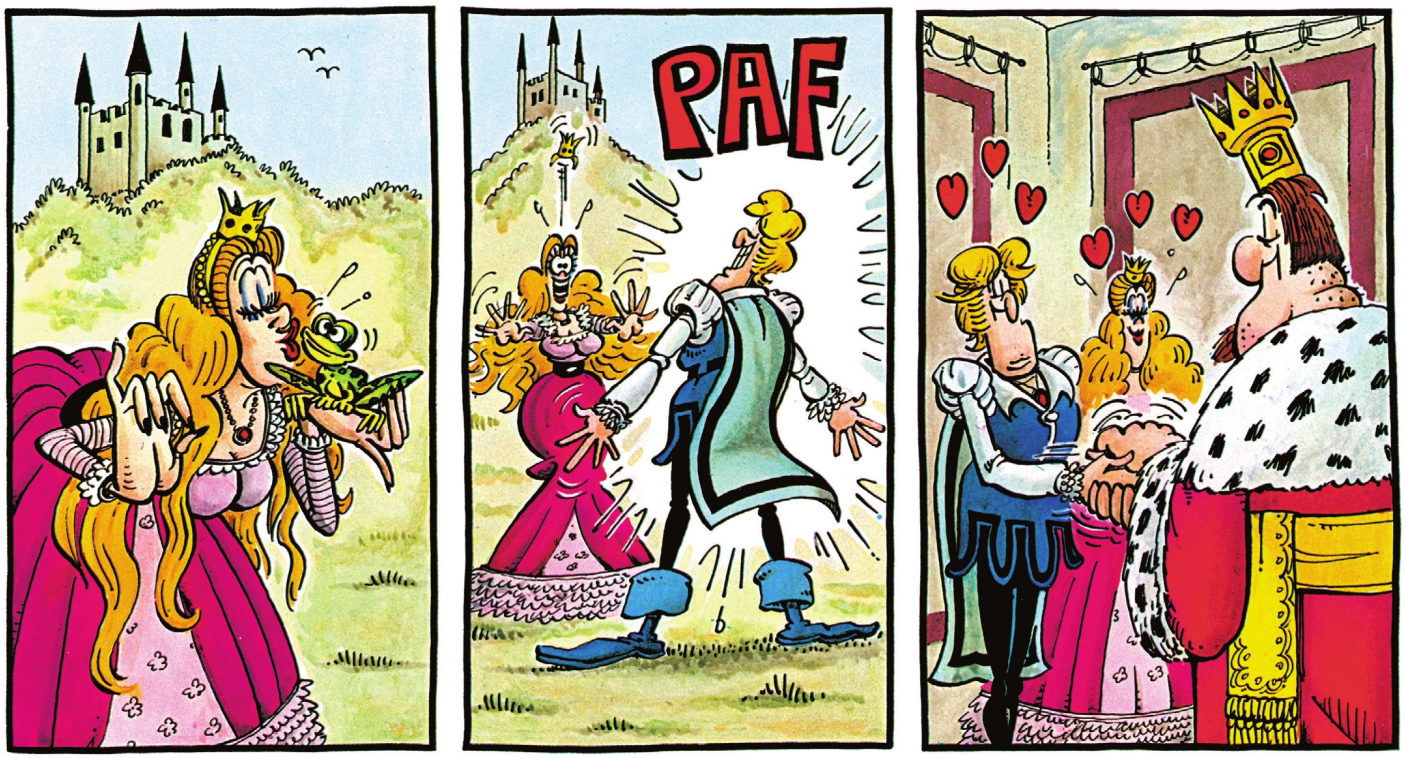
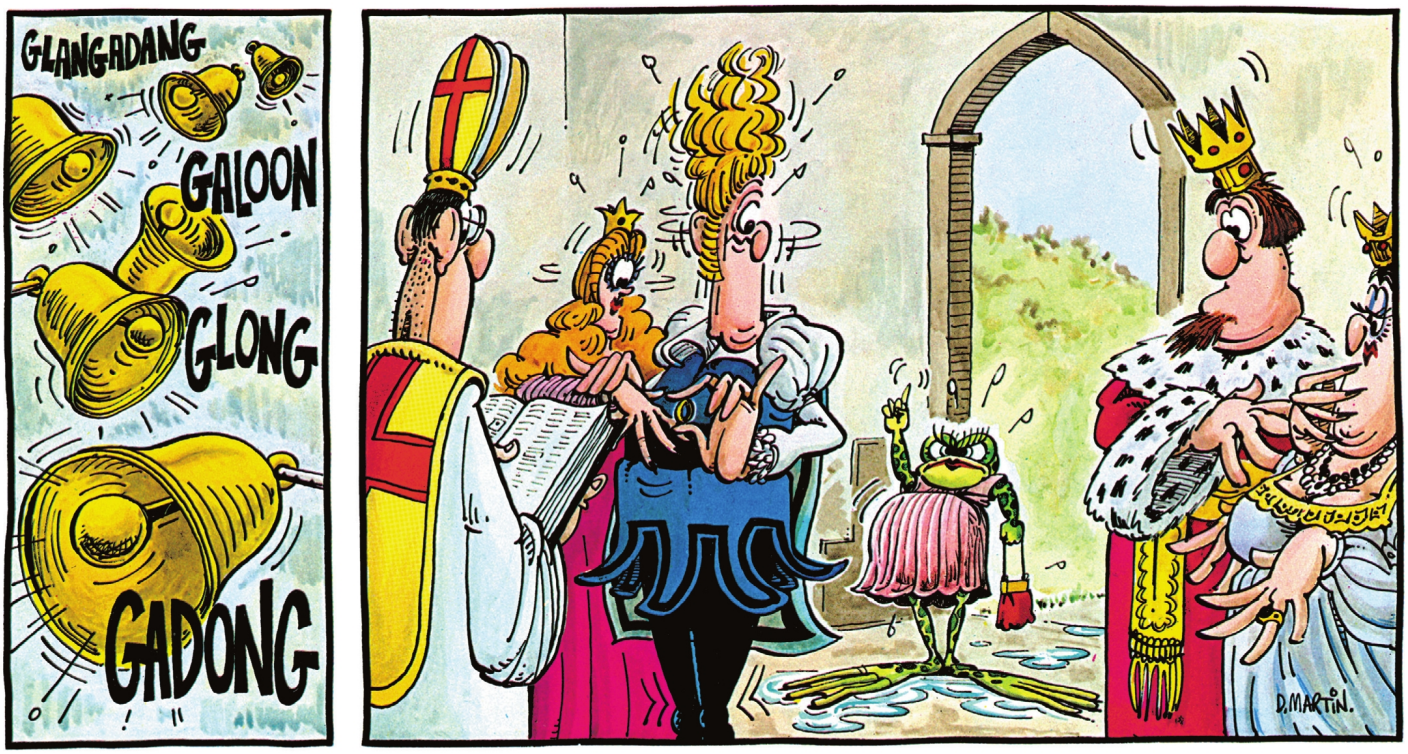
(THE FROG PRINCE)





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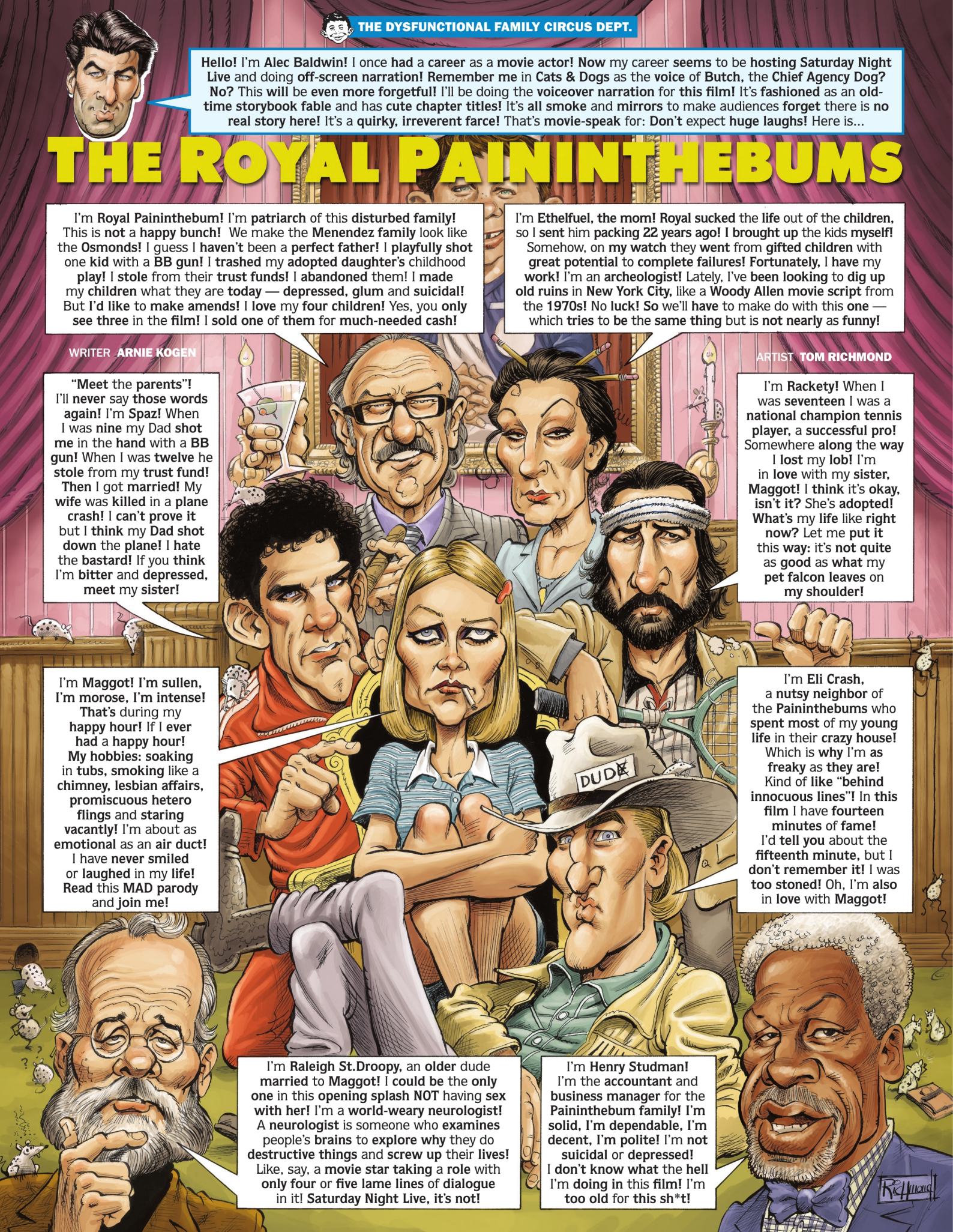

THE DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY CIRCUS DEPT.
Hello! I'm Alec Baldwin! I once had a career as a movie actor! Now my career seems to be hosting Saturday Night Live and doing off-screen narration! Remember me in Cats & Dogs as the voice of Butch, the Chief Agency Dog? No? This will be even more forgetful! I'll be doing the voiceover narration for this film! It's fashioned as an old-time storybook fable and has cute chapter titles! It's all smoke and mirrors to make audiences forget there is no real story here! It's a quirky, irreverent farce! That's movie-speak for: Don't expect huge laughs! Here is...
THE ROYAL PAININTHEBUMS
I'm Royal Paininthebum! I'm patriarch of this disturbed family! This is not a happy bunch! We make the Menendez family look like the Osmonds! I guess I haven't been a perfect father! I playfully shot one kid with a BB gun! I trashed my adopted daughter's childhood play! I stole from their trust funds! I abandoned them! I made my children what they are today — depressed, glum and suicidal! But I'd like to make amends! I love my four children! Yes, you only see three in the film! I sold one of them for much-needed cash!
I'm Ethelfuel, the mom! Royal sucked the life out of the children, so I sent him packing 22 years ago! I brought up the kids myself! Somehow, on my watch they went from gifted children with great potential to complete failures! Fortunately, I have my work! I'm an archeologist! Lately, I've been looking to dig up old ruins in New York City, like a Woody Allen movie script from the 1970s! No luck! So we'll have to make do with this one — which tries to be the same thing but is not nearly as funny!
WRITER ARNIE KOGEN
ARTIST TOM RICHMOND
"Meet the parents"! I'll never say those words again! I'm Spaz! When I was nine my Dad shot me in the hand with a BB gun! When I was twelve he stole from my trust fund! Then I got married! My wife was killed in a plane crash! I can't prove it but I think my Dad shot down the plane! I hate the bastard! If you think I'm bitter and depressed, meet my sister!
I'm Rackety! When I was seventeen I was a national champion tennis player, a successful pro! Somewhere along the way I lost my lob! I'm in love with my sister, Maggot! I think it's okay, isn't it? She's adopted! What's my life like right now? Let me put it this way: it's not quite as good as what my pet falcon leaves on my shoulder!
I'm Maggot! I'm sullen, I'm morose, I'm intense! That's during my happy hour! If I ever had a happy hour! My hobbies: soaking in tubs, smoking like a chimney, lesbian affairs, promiscuous hetero flings and staring vacantly! I'm about as emotional as an air duct! I have never smiled or laughed in my life! Read this MAD parody and join me!
I'm Eli Crash, a nutsy neighbor of the Paininthebums who spent most of my young life in their crazy house! Which is why I'm as freaky as they are! Kind of like "behind innocuous lines"! In this film I have fourteen minutes of fame! I'd tell you about the fifteenth minute, but I don't remember it! I was too stoned! Oh, I'm also in love with Maggot!
DUDE
I'm Raleigh St.Droopy, an older dude married to Maggot! I could be the only one in this opening splash NOT having sex with her! I'm a world-weary neurologist! A neurologist is someone who examines people's brains to explore why they do destructive things and screw up their lives! Like, say, a movie star taking a role with only four or five lame lines of dialogue in it! Saturday Night Live, it's not!
I'm Henry Studman! I'm the accountant and business manager for the Paininthebum family! I'm solid, I'm dependable, I'm decent, I'm polite! I'm not suicidal or depressed! I don't know what the hell I'm doing in this film! I'm too old for this sh*t!
RICHMOND

Chapter One

Ethelfuel Paininthebum raised her three children as prodigies. Each child exhibited a unique talent bordering on genius.

Spaz was a boy wonder **financial whiz!** A **genius** in **real estate** and the **stock market!**

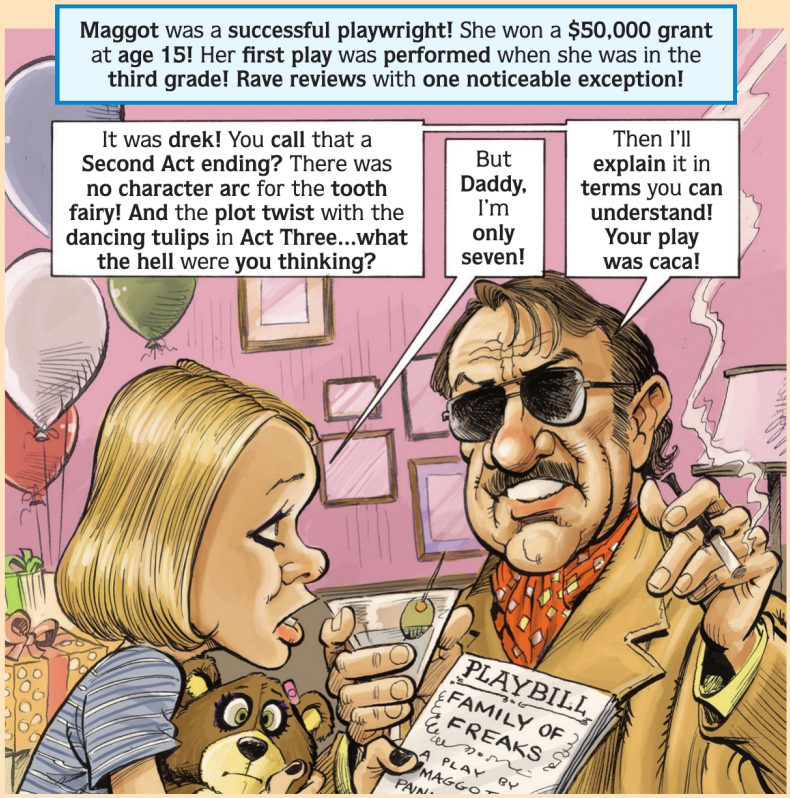
I'm **giving** a **buy signal** on **Microsoft, also** a **strong buy** on **Intel,** and pick up a **thing** called **AOL!** I **know** it's the **1970s** and these **companies haven't** been **created yet,** but **trust me,** I'm **decades ahead** of **my time!** Oops, **gotta go! Emergency! Not** a **stock crash!** I've got a **huge zit! I'm 14!** Oh, **by** the **way,** when a **thing** called **Enron goes public...dump it!**

Maggot was a **successful playwright!** She won a **$50,000 grant** at **age 15!** Her **first play** was **performed** when she was in the **third grade! Rave reviews** with **one noticeable exception!**

It was **drek!** You **call** that a **Second Act ending?** There was **no character arc** for the **tooth fairy! And** the **plot twist** with the **dancing tulips** in **Act Three...what the hell** were **you thinking?**

But **Daddy,** I'm **only seven!**

Then I'll **explain** it in **terms** you **can understand! Your play was caca!**



Maggot was **adopted!** Royal **never let** her **forget it!**

This is my **adopted daughter, Maggot!**

Dad, **must** you **say that?**

Correction! This is my **anorexic adopted daughter, Maggot!**

Hoo boy!

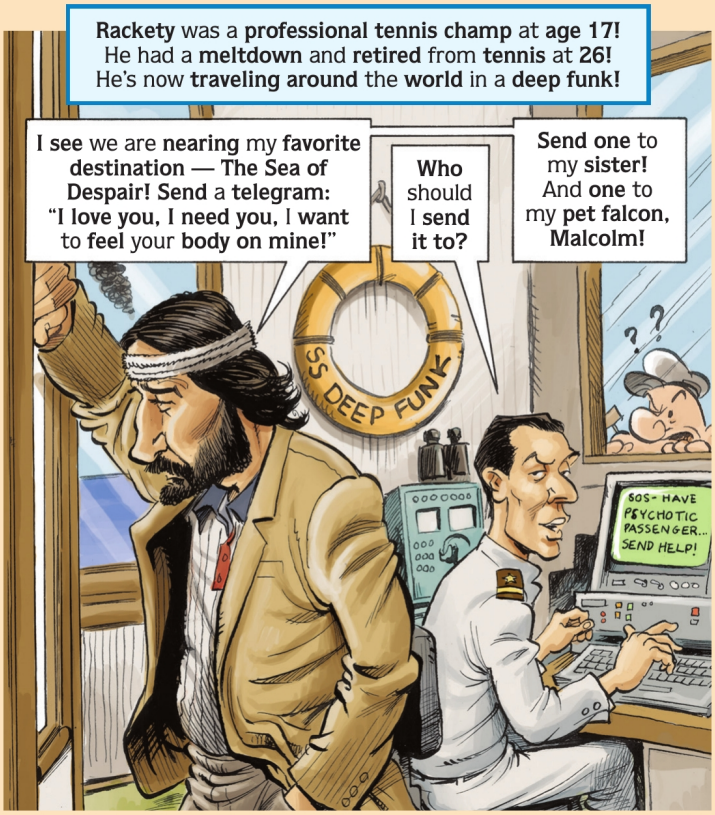
The **Paininthebum children** are now **all grown up!** Which is **unfortunate!** The **three geniuses** turned out to be **nut jobs!**

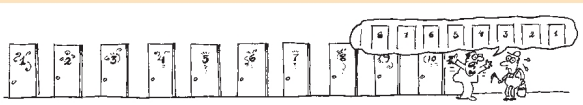
Rackety was a **professional tennis champ** at **age 17!** He had a **meltdown** and **retired** from **tennis** at **26!** He's now **traveling around** the **world** in a **deep funk!**

I **see** we are **nearing** my **favorite destination — The Sea of Despair! Send** a **telegram: "I love you, I need you,** I **want** to **feel** your **body on mine!"**

Who should I **send it to?**

Send one to my **sister!** And **one** to my **pet falcon, Malcolm!**





While **Rackety** was **sailing** the **seven seas,** his sister, **Maggot,** was **also** in **deep water! Tepid tub water!**

Maggot, this is **freaky behavior! Every day** you **soak** in the **tub** for **hours! Each day** is a **duplicate** of the **day before!** Don't you **get tired** of **doing** the **exact same thing every 24 hours?**

It **worked for you** in **Groundhog Day!**

In **Groundhog Day** I was **funny!** In **this film** you're just **wet** and **depressed!**

Spaz was **paranoid! Overly concerned** with **safety!** He ran **late night drills** with his **two boys, Sullen** and **Anxious!**

Why must we practice **fire drills** at **three a.m.?**

Because, Sullen, it's a **dangerous world** out **there! There's fire, there's gas leaks, there's plague!** And if **natural forces** don't **destroy you,** then **family certainly will,** with **betrayal, deceit** and **angst! Family** will **crush** the **life** out of **you!** They'll **tear** your **heart out!**

But Dad, **YOU'RE family!**

So **what's** your **point?**

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THUMP

THUD!

The **only one** doing **well** was their **neighbor, Wally Crash,** the **pothead novelist,** who **achieved** sudden **literary celebrity!**

"And then **Custer said** to his **guide, 'Hey, man,** is that **Montana** or a **tumbling tumbleweed'?"**

Wow, is he **ripped!**

The **guy's** a **phony!** Has he **ever** been **west** of **8th Avenue?**

I **hear** he once **moseyed over** to **Riverside Drive** and **145th Street!**

He's a **one-book wonder!** The **question is: Does he** have **another novel** in **him?**

With **his talent,** I **don't think** he has a **leaflet** in **him!**

ACTING FOR DUMMIES

Ethelfuel, marry me! I can bring **stability** into **your life!**

After my **first husband, Carrot Top** would **bring stability into** my **life!**

HELP ME, MEL!

Be careful **turning** the **TV knob** with your **toe!** You can **electrocute yourself!**

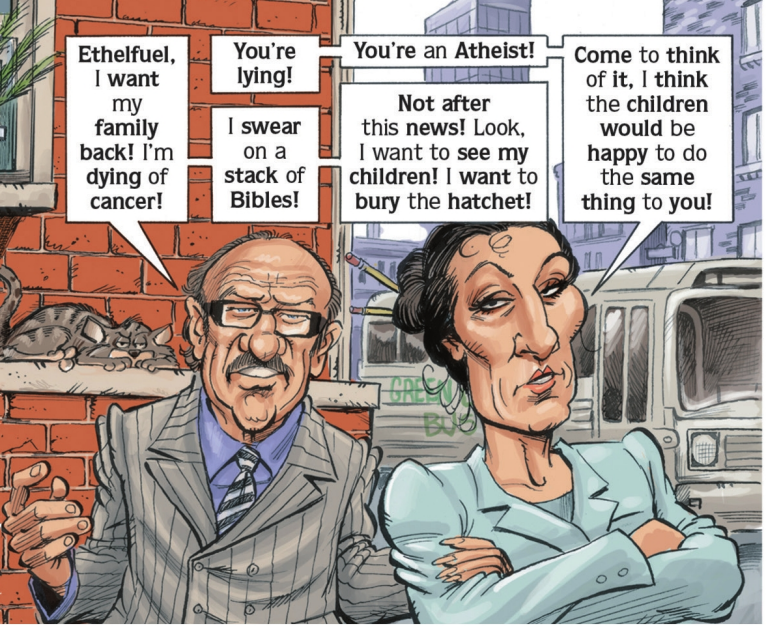
Stop **putting** a **happy spin** on my **life!**

Maggot, we're **worried** about you! **Orca** the **Killer Whale** spends **less time** in the **water** than **you do!**

Nonsense! I'm fine, Mother!

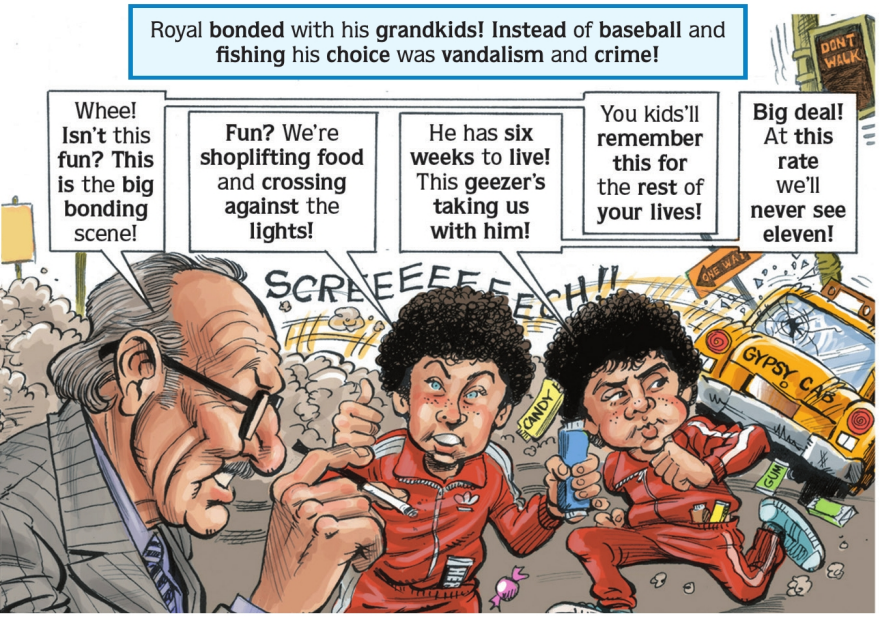
We're **rich!** We can **get** you **help!** You **need** a **change** of **scenery!**

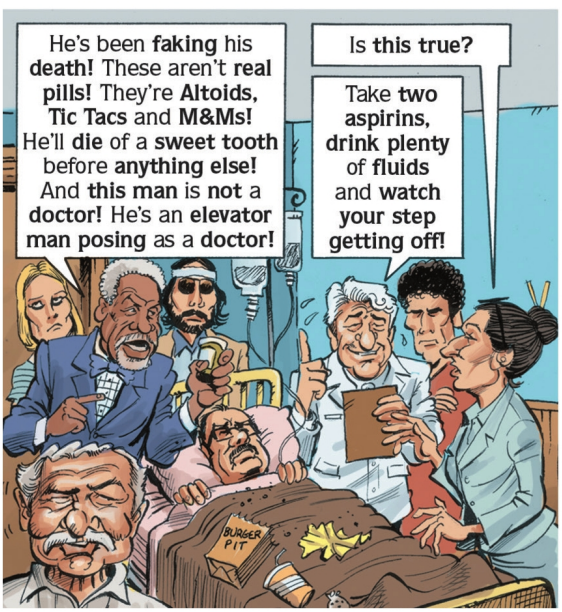
Okay! **Perhaps** you can **rent me** a **summer tub** in the **South of France!**

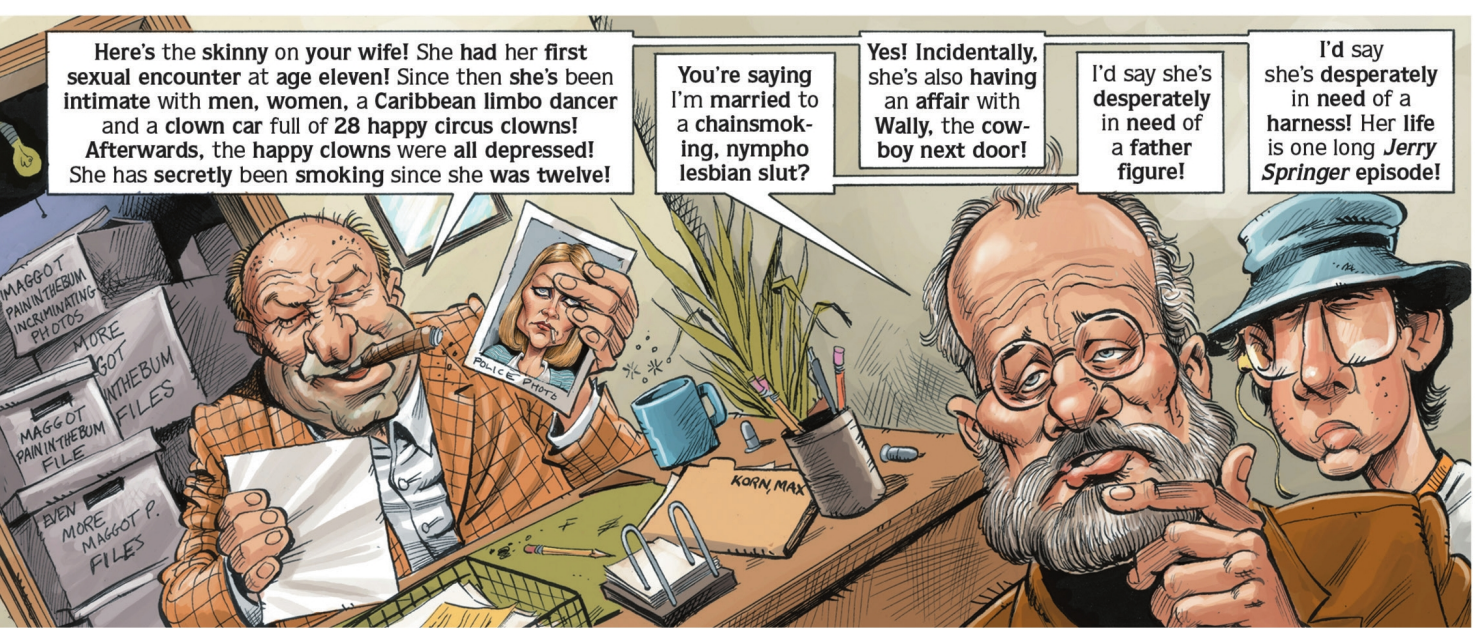

Ethelfuel, I want my family back! I'm dying of cancer!
You're lying!
I swear on a stack of Bibles!
You're an Atheist!
Not after this news! Look, I want to see my children! I want to bury the hatchet!
Come to think of it, I think the children would be happy to do the same thing to you!

Is it true you have six weeks to live?
That's true! Look, I haven't been the greatest father in the world! I want to make amends! How can I make things right?
You can die three weeks earlier!
DYSFUNCTIONAL WEEKLY

Royal **bonded** with his **grandkids! Instead** of **baseball** and **fishing** his **choice** was **vandalism** and **crime!**


Whee! Isn't this fun? This is the big bonding scene!
Fun? We're shoplifting food and crossing against the lights!
He has six weeks to live! This geezer's taking us with him!
You kids'll remember this for the rest of your lives!
Big deal! At this rate we'll never see eleven!
SCREEEEEEEECH!!
DON'T WALK
CANDY
GYPSY CAB
GUM


He's been faking his death! These aren't real pills! They're Altoids, Tic Tacs and M&Ms! He'll die of a sweet tooth before anything else! And this man is not a doctor! He's an elevator man posing as a doctor!
Is this true?
Take two aspirins, drink plenty of fluids and watch your step getting off!
BURGER PIT


Here's the skinny on your wife! She had her first sexual encounter at age eleven! Since then she's been intimate with men, women, a Caribbean limbo dancer and a clown car full of 28 happy circus clowns! Afterwards, the happy clowns were all depressed! She has secretly been smoking since she was twelve!
You're saying I'm married to a chainsmoking, nympho lesbian slut?
Yes! Incidentally, she's also having an affair with Wally, the cowboy next door!
I'd say she's desperately in need of a father figure!
I'd say she's desperately in need of a harness! Her life is one long *Jerry Springer* episode!
MAGGOT PAIN IN THE BUM INCRIMINATING PHOTOS
MORE GOT IN THE BUM FILES
MAGGOT PAIN IN THE BUM FILE
EVEN MORE MAGGOT P. FILES
POLICE PHOTO
KORN MAX

Rackety **tried** to **put** the **past behind him** and **move on** with his **life,** but **realized** he **didn't have** a **life!**

I **failed** at **tennis,** I **failed** at **love,** I **failed** at **life!** My **father abandoned** me! My **falcon flew away** from **me!** My **sister** has **given up having sex** with **me** for **someone out** of the **family! How sick is that?** I have **no reason** to **live anymore! Oops, damn it!** I **cut** my **fingernail** instead of **my wrist!** I **just failed** at **suicide!**

Thanks for **coming out** of the **tub** to **have lunch** with **me!**

You **never liked me** because I **was adopted!**

Of **course** I **liked you!** You were **almost like** a **daughter** to **me!**

Did you **know** that **when** I was **searching** for my **real parents** my **finger** was **chopped off** with an **axe?**

It **must** have been a **terrible loss** for **you!**

Yes! Especially with **you** as **my father!** It's the **only thing** I **use** to **communicate** with **you!**

Final Chapter

At Ethelfuel and Henry Studman's wedding, Eli crashed his car in a drugged-out stupor. The bad news is, the dog was killed. The worse news is, everyone else in this dysfunctional family lived! For awhile, at least…

Royal died at **age 67!** He was a **con man** up until the **very end** of **his life! And beyond...!**

He's **six feet under! This** is **one old fossil** I'm **not** going to **dig up!**

He **made us** what **we are today...sad, beaten failures!**

He'll **never con us again!**

Too late! He has!

What?

In a **movie** of **few laughs,** he's **had** the **last laugh!** He **was** a **con man** up **until** the **very end!** Even **after death!**

What do **you mean? What** are you **rambling about, Pasha?**

He **arranged** to **be buried** in a **rented tuxedo!** And he **stuck** the **family** with **the bill!** The **family** will be **paying for years** and **years** to come!

R.I.P.
THIS FILM'S OSCAR CHANCES

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See Dick.
See Jane.
See Dick and Jane.
See Jane run.
See Dick run.
See Dick run after Jane.
Run, Dick, run.
But be careful.
Because if Jane is caught
You might find yourself reading . . .

THE MAD Getting Married PRIMER

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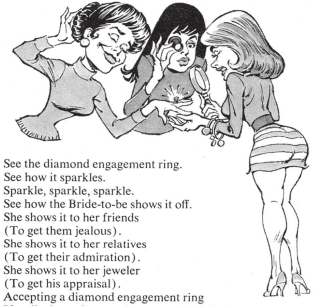
Lesson 1.
The Engagement Ring

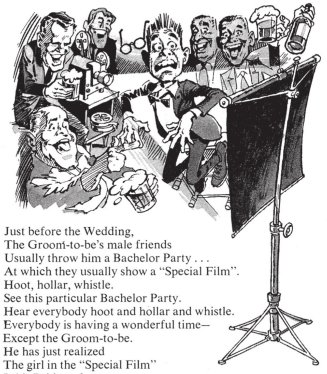


See the diamond engagement ring.
See how it sparkles.
Sparkle, sparkle, sparkle.
See how the Bride-to-be shows it off.
She shows it to her friends
(To get them jealous).
She shows it to her relatives
(To get their admiration).
She shows it to her jeweler
(To get his appraisal).
Accepting a diamond engagement ring
Usually depends upon the approval of all three.
A diamond ring symbolizes a permanent commitment
Between the Groom-to-be and the Bride-to-be.
A diamond ring also symbolizes a permanent commitment
Between the Groom-to-be and the Finance Company.

Lesson 2.
The Wedding Invitations

See the Wedding Invitations.
They are black and white.
And cost much green.
Some clearly say:
"We request your presence at the Church . . ."
Others clearly say:
"We request your presence at the Reception . . ."
They all clearly imply:
"We request your presents . . ."
Presents, presents, presents.

Lesson 3.
The Bachelor Party



Just before the Wedding,
The Groom-to-be's male friends
Usually throw him a Bachelor Party . . .
At which they usually show a "Special Film".
Hoot, hollar, whistle.
See this particular Bachelor Party.
Hear everybody hoot and hollar and whistle.
Everybody is having a wonderful time—
Except the Groom-to-be.
He has just realized
The girl in the "Special Film"
Is his Bride-to-be.

Lesson 4.
The Bridal Shower

Just before the Wedding,
The Bride-to-be's female friends
Usually throw her a Bridal Shower . . .
At which they usually give her "Useful Items".
Like irons, and hair-dryers, and broilers.
Why are these items "useful". . .
When the new Bride will be sending her laundry out,
And going to a beauty parlor,
And eating in restaurants every night?
These items will be useful as *gifts*
At *future* Bridal Showers.

Lesson 5.
The Well-Wishers

See the Bride come down the aisle.
See the Groom come down the aisle.
See the people crying.
Sob, sob, sob.
The Bride's family and friends are crying:
"Such a beautiful girl . . .
Marrying such an ugly clod!"
The Groom's family and friends are crying:
"Such a handsome man . . .
Marrying such an ugly witch!"
Some people are so unhappy at weddings.
Then there are people who are *extremely* happy at weddings:
The Caterer, the Minister, the Florist, the Printer, the Jeweler,
The Dressmaker, the Orchestra, the Photographer, etc. etc.

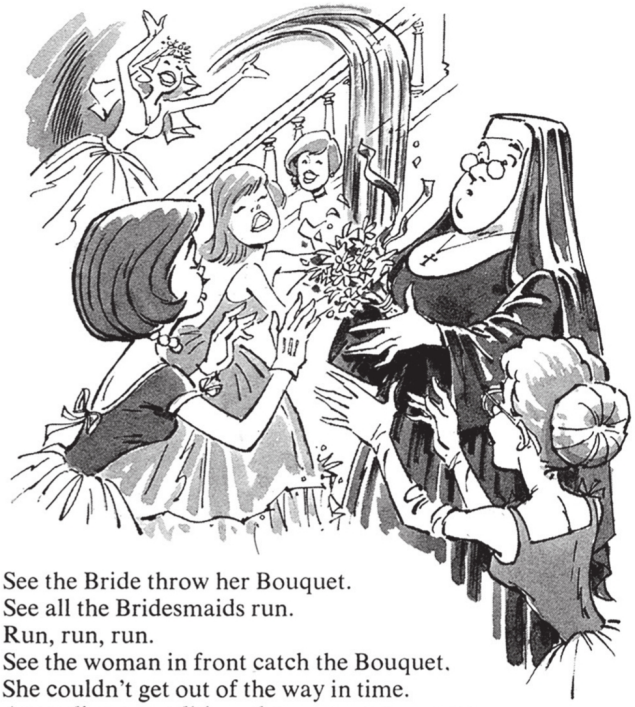
Lesson 6.
The Wedding Ceremony

See the Minister conducting the Wedding Ceremony.
He says:
"Do you take this man to be your lawfully wedded husband?"
The Bride answers:
"I do."
He asks:
"Do you take this woman to be your lawfully wedded wife?"
The Groom answers:
"I do."
This is the last time the Bride and Groom will
agree on anything.
The Minister asks if there are any reasons
Why these two should not be joined in Holy Matrimony.
Too bad the question isn't asked a *year* from now.
There'll be *plenty* of reasons.

Lesson 7.
The Best Man

See the Best Man.
He and the Groom were best friends.
They bowled together, and golfed together,
And drank together, and played cards together.
Today is the last time they will ever see each other.
But there will still be bowling, and golfing,
And drinking, and playing cards.
Except that the Groom will be working
While the Bride will be doing them.

Lesson 8.
The Bouquet



See the Bride throw her Bouquet.
See all the Bridesmaids run.
Run, run, run.
See the woman in front catch the Bouquet.
She couldn't get out of the way in time.
According to tradition, the *next* one to marry
Will be the Bride's High School Teacher:
Sister Maria Theresa.

Lesson 9.
The Wedding Reception

See the Wedding Reception.
Everyone is dancing and drinking and eating like crazy.
You have to dance and drink and eat an awful lot
To cover the cost of a $50.00 wedding gift.
See the Bride eating a piece of Wedding Cake.
This is her 17th piece.
She has finally gained a husband.
And lost a diet.

Lesson 10.
The Getaway

See the Wedding Couple dancing with friends
And laughing with relatives,
And having a wonderful time at the Reception.
In the old days, the Bride and Groom
Would be anxious to make their Getaway,
So they could rush to a Honeymoon Retreat.
Rush, rush, rush.
Nowadays, the Bride and Groom
Are usually the last to leave the Reception.
They're not *that* anxious to rush to a Honeymoon Retreat
When they've been living together for the past two years.
Blush, blush, blush.

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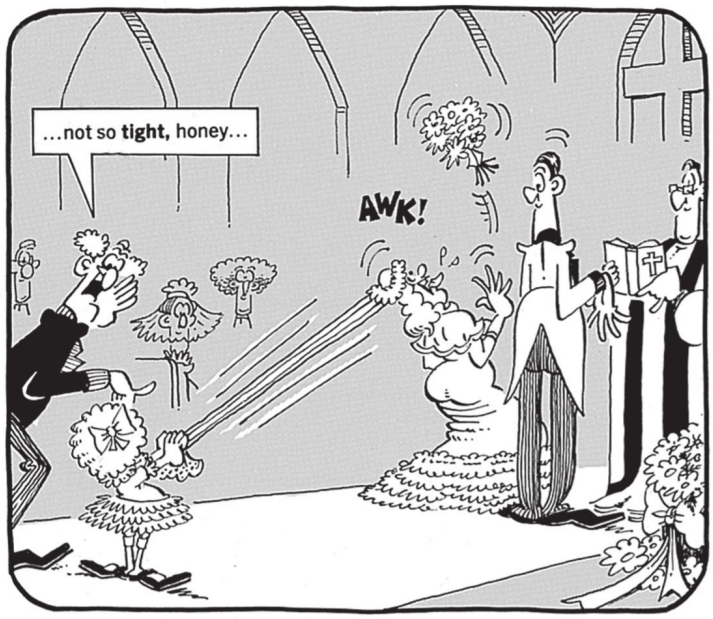

MAD LOOKS AT WEDDINGS

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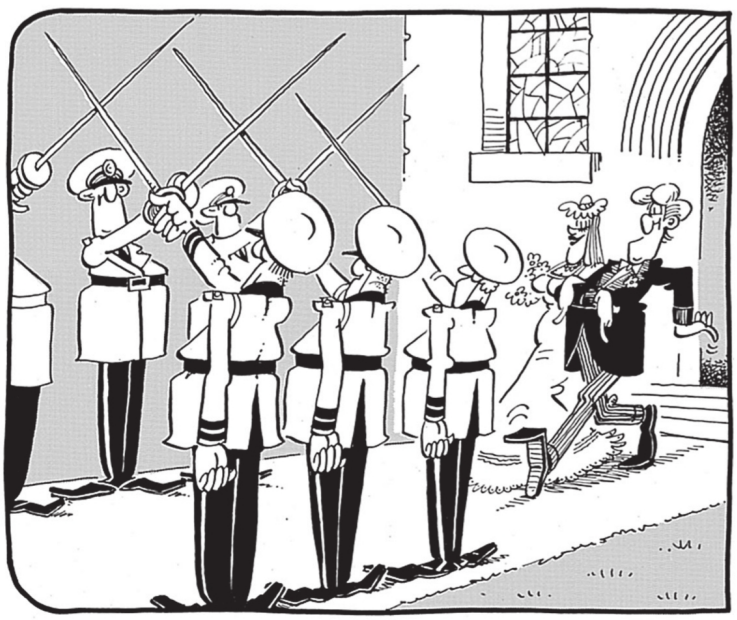

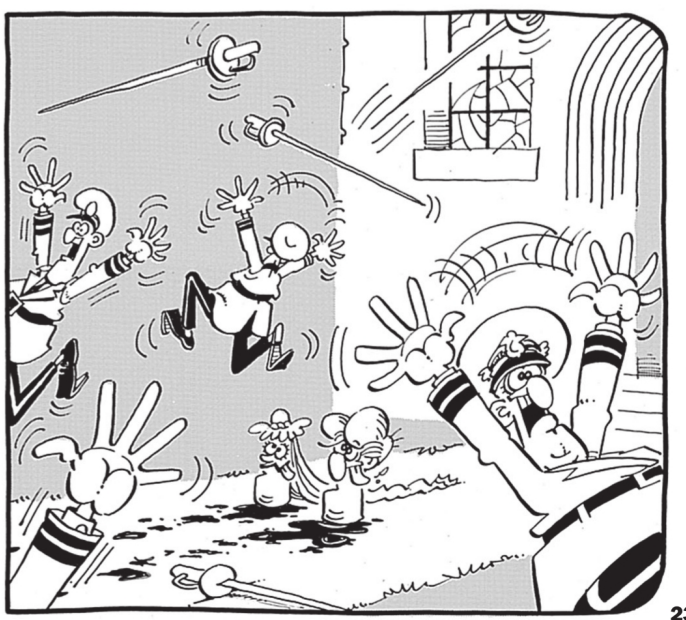

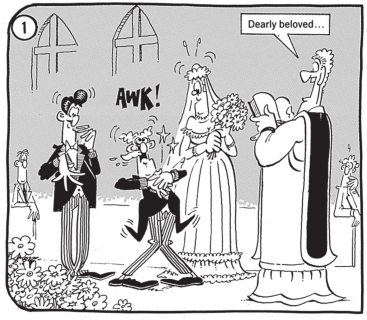

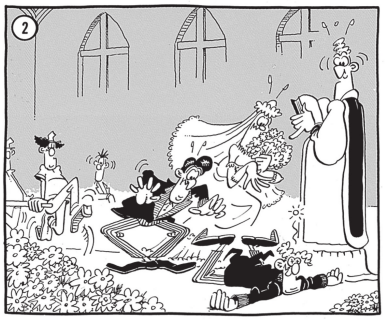

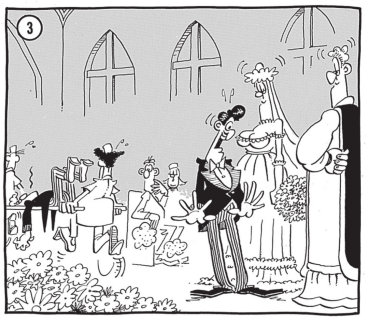

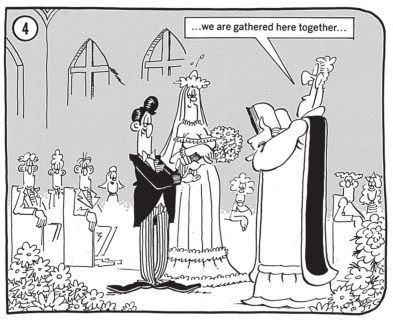

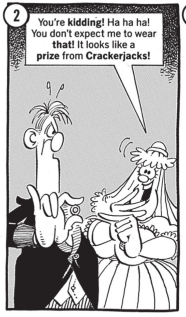

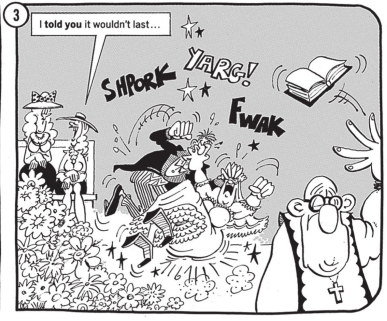

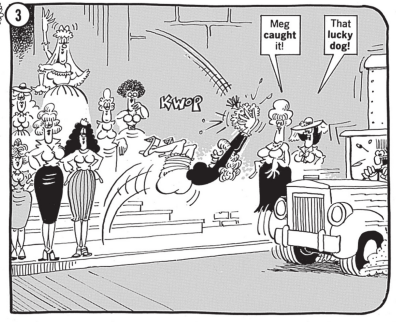

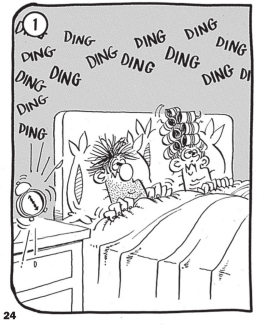

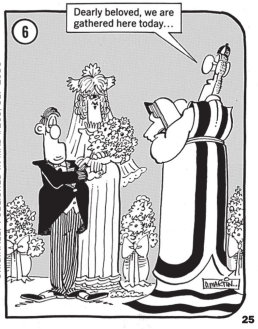

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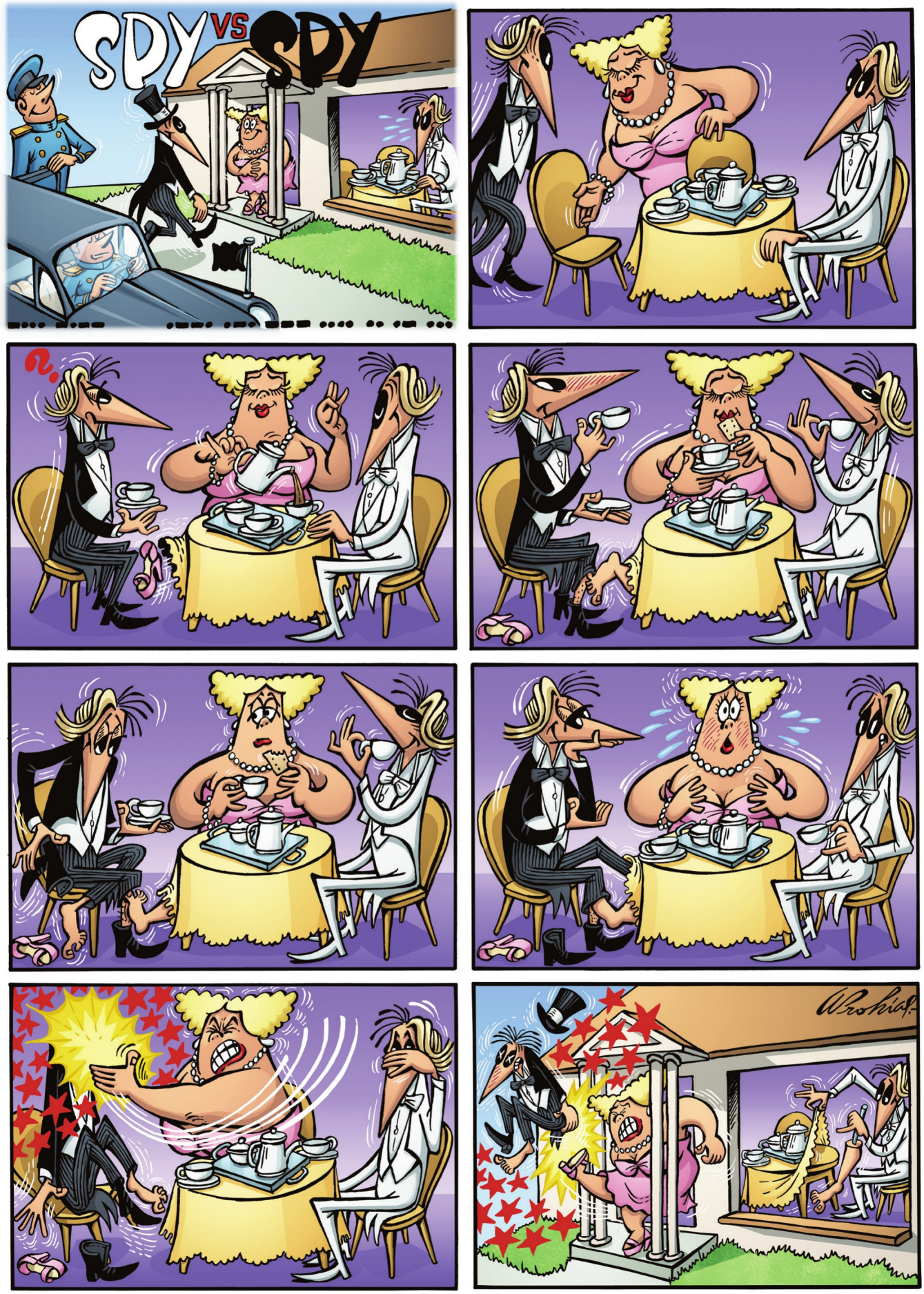
It's the hurtful game that's filled with cruel surprises! An elephant never forgets, just like a child never forgets that it wasn't wanted!

Move forward! Move backward! Does it matter? You're just going round and round!

ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM is an endless loop with no finish line! Even if you sever ties with your family, they'll be trapped in your head game forever. It never comes out different!



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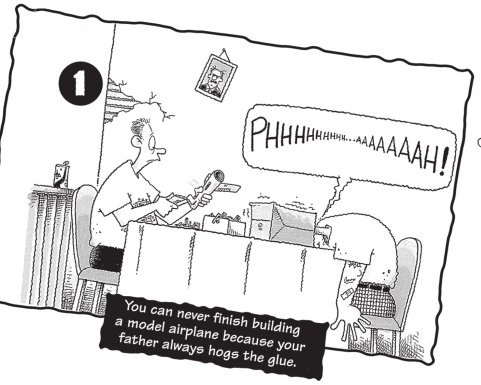
So, you think you're growing up in a dysfunctional family, huh? Okay, so maybe your father, who's boffing his barely-twenty-year-old secretary, doesn't speak to your mother, who, as a rule, downs five cans of Molson Ice before driving you to school! And your sister, who's dating the entire varsity football team and half of the hardware staff at Wal-Mart hates your guts ever since she caught you selling her underwear to your friends! So what? You still qualify as the Cleavers compared to anyone unfortunate enough to recognize...

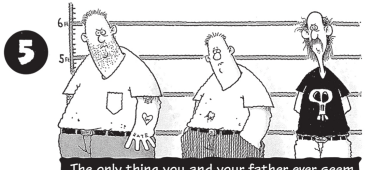
10 WARNING SIGNS YOUR FAMILY IS BEYOND DYSFUNCTIONAL

WRITER & ARTIST
JOHN CALDWELL

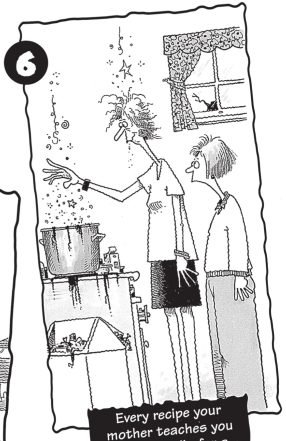


You can never finish building a model airplane because your father always hogs the glue.

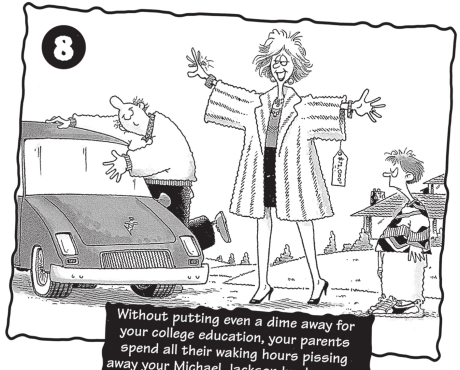
Holiday visits to grandma are often cut short due to unannounced cell block-wide lockdowns.



The only thing you and your father ever seem to do together is appear in police lineups.



Every recipe your mother teaches you to cook calls for a dash of Crystal Meth.



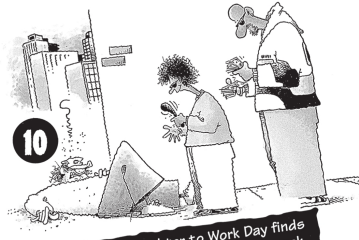
Without putting even a dime away for your college education, your parents spend all their waking hours pissing away your Michael Jackson hush money.

You catch yourself filing with prison officials for conjugal visits to your stepfather.

Your honor roll appearances go largely unnoticed while your mother proudly crams the refrigerator door with your brother's outstanding warrants.

The main sticking point in your parents' pending divorce case is over custody of the bong.

The only subject you and your brother can agree on is: "Who's your favorite Menendez brother?"



Take Your Daughter to Work Day finds you rolling drunks and peddling crack.

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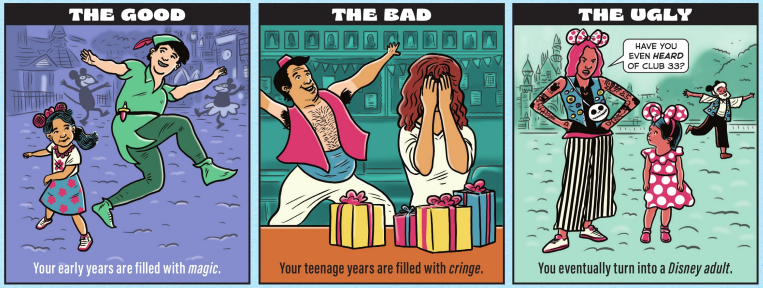
So what if they provide their kids with fleeting pleasures, revolting repercussions, and catastrophic collateral damage. Quit your crying or *you'll get something to cry about* as you process...

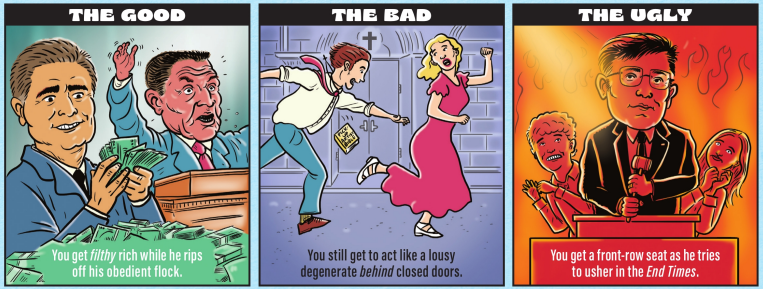
The Good, Bad, and Ugly of Having a DYSFUNCTIONAL DAD

WRITER & ARTIST **IVAN EHLERS**

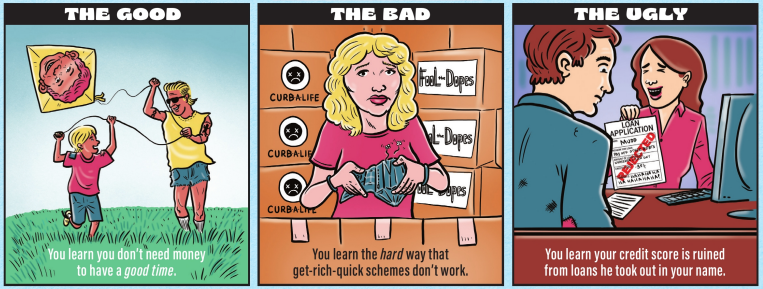
Peter Pan Dad


THE GOOD
Your early years are filled with *magic*.
THE BAD
Your teenage years are filled with *cringe*.
THE UGLY
HAVE YOU EVEN *HEARD* OF CLUB 33?
You eventually turn into a *Disney adult*.

Hyper-Religious Dad


THE GOOD
You get *filthy* rich while he rips off his obedient flock.
THE BAD
You still get to act like a lousy degenerate *behind* closed doors.
THE UGLY
You get a front-row seat as he tries to usher in the *End Times*.

Broke Dad


THE GOOD
You learn you don't need money to have a *good time*.
THE BAD
CURBALIFE
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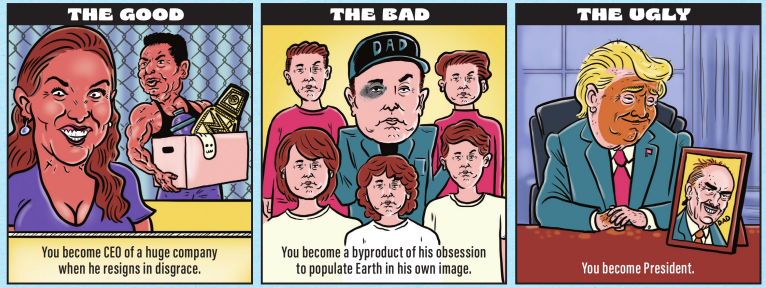
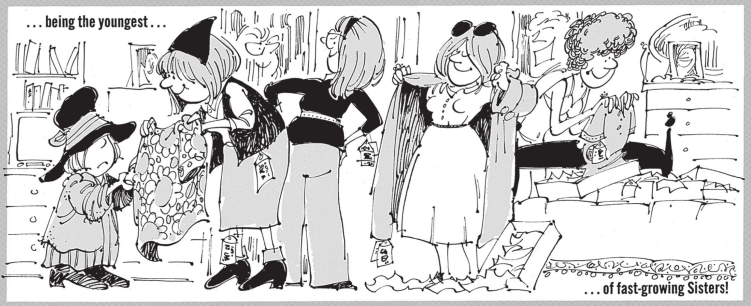
You learn the *hard* way that get-rich-quick schemes don't work.
THE UGLY
LOAN APPLICATION
REJECTED
You learn your credit score is ruined from loans he took out in your name.

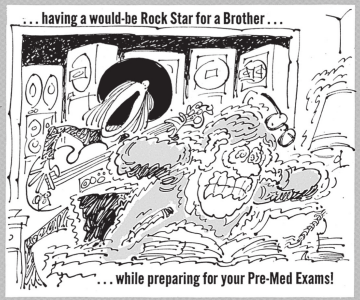
Malignant Narcissist Dad


THE GOOD
You become CEO of a huge company when he resigns in disgrace.
THE BAD
DAD
You become a byproduct of his obsession to populate Earth in his own image.
THE UGLY
You become President.

Perfectionist Dad

THE GOOD
Your family's perfectly manicured lawn is the *envy* of the neighborhood.
THE BAD
Keeping up the family tradition is practically a *full-time job*.
THE UGLY
You *lose it* on the damn dog who always s**t#s on your perfectly manicured lawn.





CHILD'S PLAGUE DEPT.

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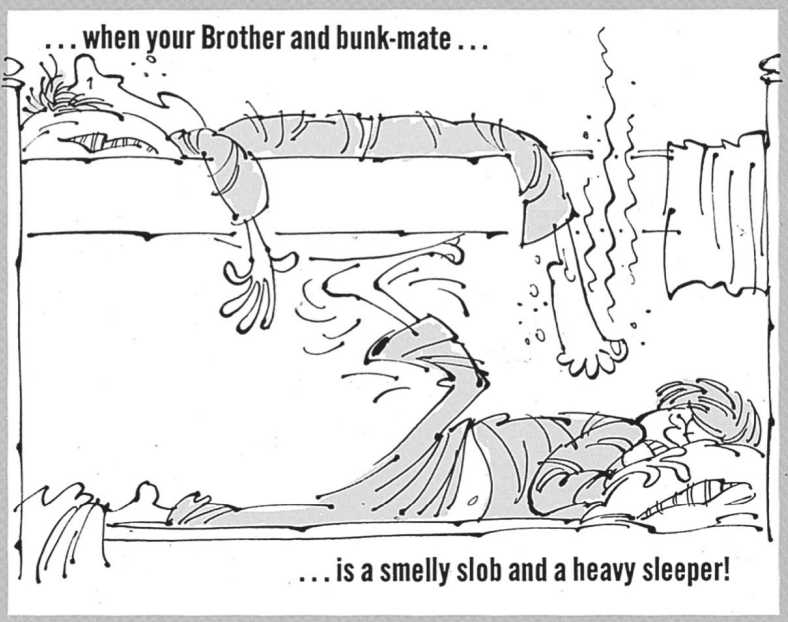
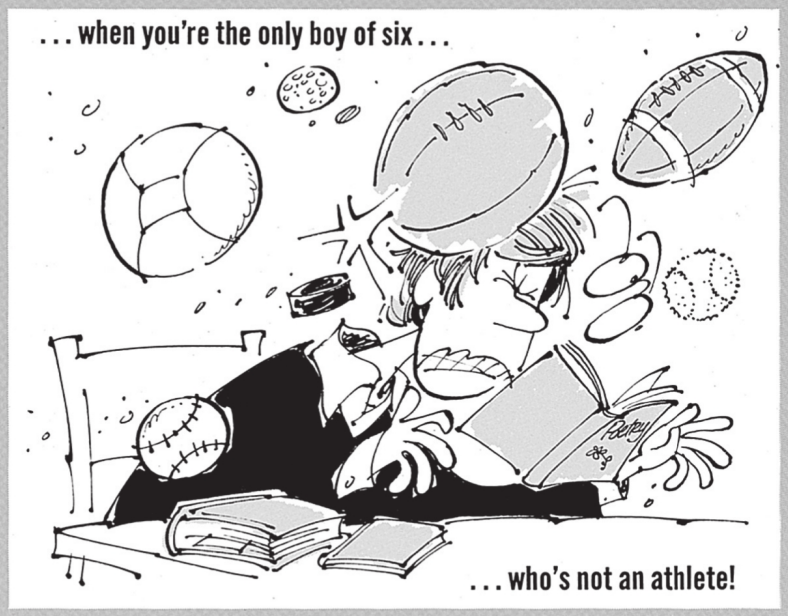
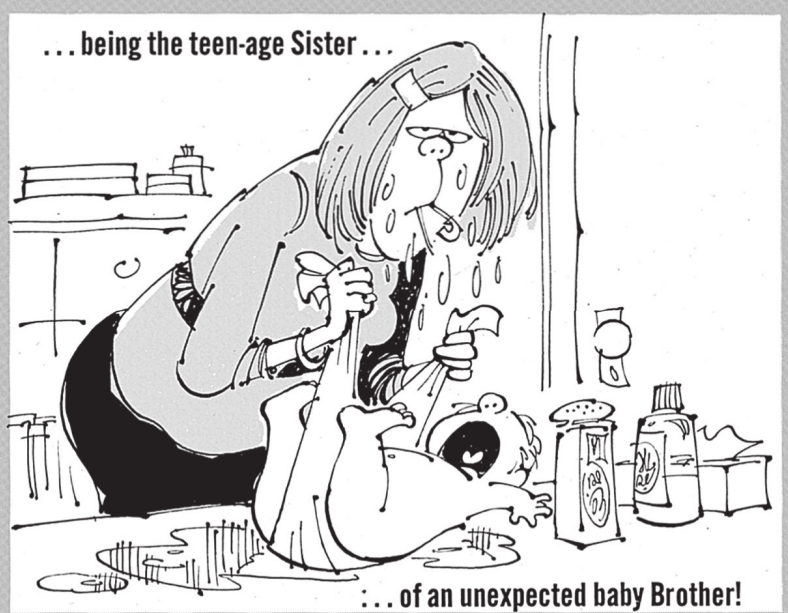
ARTIST **PAUL COKER**







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DYSFOXTIONAL FAMILY DEPT.

Somehow those nutheads at Fox TV got the idea that dysfunctional equals funny. "Imagine how hilarious it will be," they said, "if we get dysfunctional parents and some dysfunctional kids and have them surround a whiny semi-normal kid who won't shut up. It will be comedy gold!" Gold? Hmmm. We think it's just nonstop dribblings from a...

MALCONTENT IN THE MUDDLE

WRITER **DESMOND DEVLIN** ARTIST **TOM RICHMOND**

In **real life**, when a kid **starts talking** to somebody who's **invisible**, they **jack up** his dosage of **Ritalin!** On **Fox**, they gave **me** my **own show!** My **job** is to keep the **ratings cruising along**, from **Futurama** to **King of the Hill** to **The Simpsons**, but it's going to be **tough!** The **people** on **this show** aren't **nearly** as **realistic!**

Over there **screaming** at my **family** is my **mom**, **Mom**! She's **overbearing**, **brash**, has **poofy hair** and a **white-trash attitude**! But **don't** get me **wrong**, she **prays every day!** Mostly, she prays that **nobody** will **remember Peggy Bundy** from ***Married...with Children***!

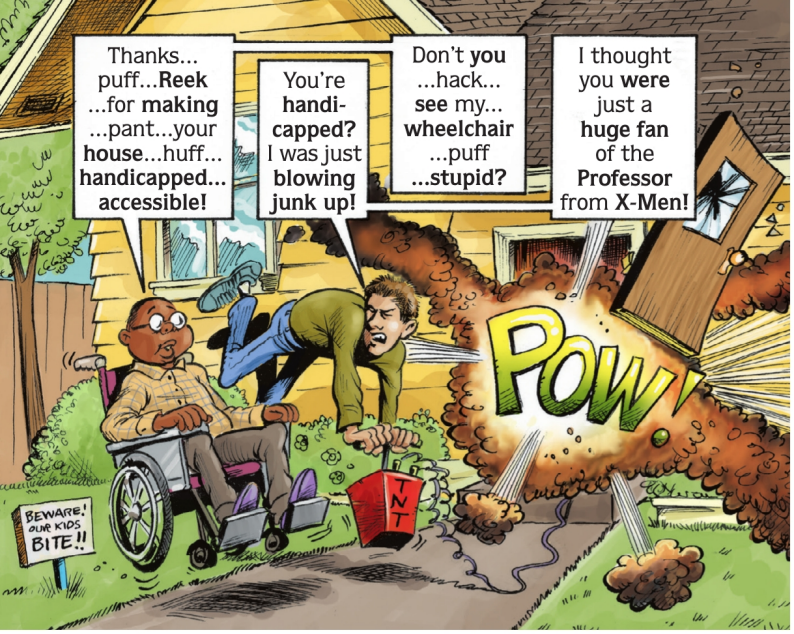
There goes my **dad**, **Dad!** He **provides** us with something **important** that our **family** would otherwise **lack: a mother figure!**

The **only one** in my family I **look up to** is my big brother, **Frantic**! Unfortunately, mom and dad sent him **away** to **military school**, so he **sleeps** in a room with **30 men!** During **hazing** week, they **stripped off** his **clothes**, **shaved off** all his **body hair** and **shoved stuff** up his **butt**! My parents are **hoping** military school will **make a man** of him!

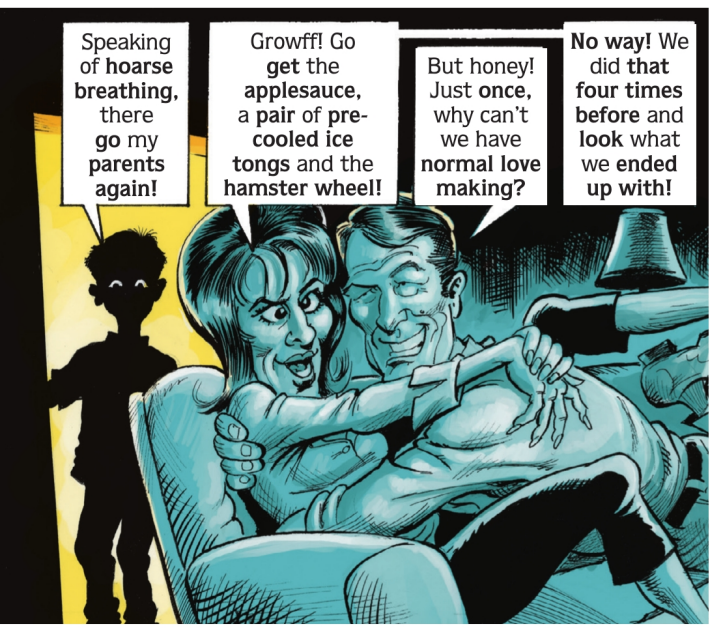
That's **Gooey**, the adorable **little kid!** He has trouble **keeping up!** You'll notice that we **rarely** feed him more than **one sentence** to **say**! Even then, it's a **real struggle** coaching Gooey to **say** the words **as if he understands them!** I'm **not complaining**, though! It's the same problem **George W. Bush's handlers** have to deal with **every single day!**

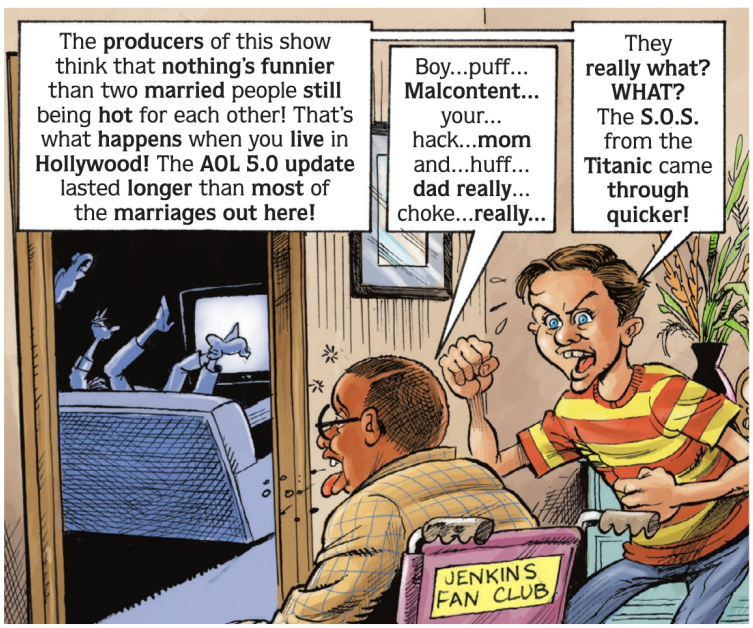
Reek is the **#2 brother**, if you **know** what I **mean**! He's not as **smart** as **me**! He's not as **cute** as **Gooey**! He's not as **sociopathic** as **Frantic**! He's **nothing** but a **twisted second-place loser!** If those people who make **TV shows** about **bitter former child actors** have any **foresight**, they'll **sign Reek** to an **exclusive contract** today!

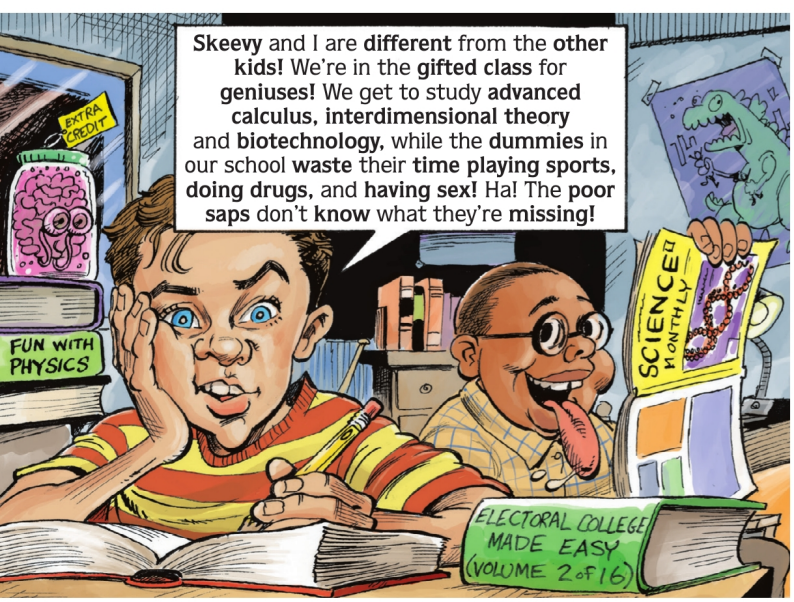
Coming over to **visit** is my friend **Skeevy**! He was the **second person** Fox TV signed under its "**Hire the Handicapped**" program! The **first** was **Keith Olbermann!**


Thanks... puff...**Reek** ...for **making** ...pant...your **house**...huff... **handicapped... accessible!**
You're **handi-capped?** I was just **blowing junk up!**
Don't **you** ...hack... **see** my... **wheelchair** ...puff **...stupid?**
I thought you **were** just a **huge fan** of the **Professor** from **X-Men!**
POW!
TNT
BEWARE! OUR KIDS BITE!!

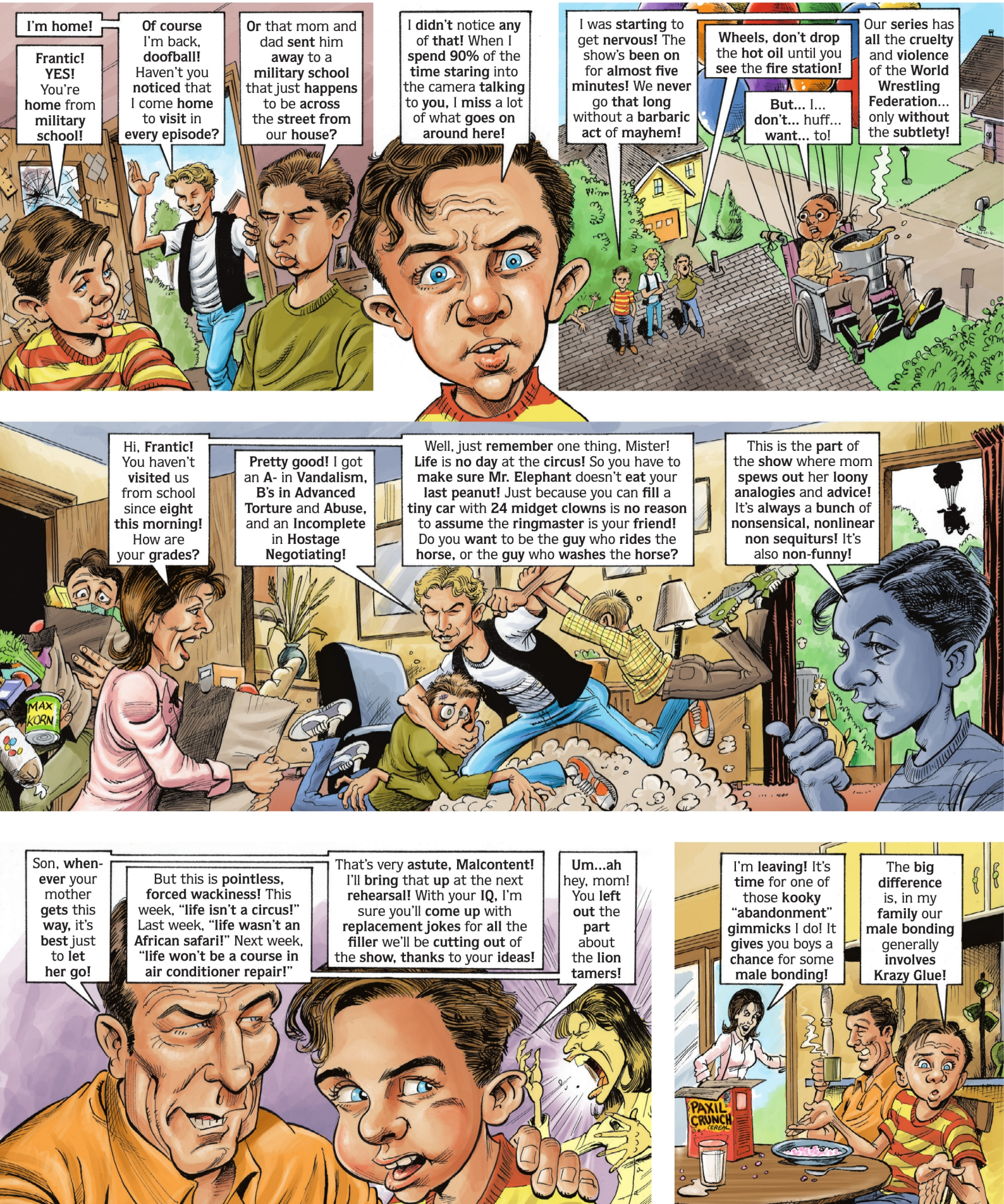
Skeevy may not be an **actual member** of my **family,** but he has a **very important function!**
Hi...hack... **Malcon...tent** ...wheeeeze **...how are...** huff...puff **...you?**
Mainly, if **Skeevy** gets enough **lines,** the **writing staff only** has to **write 14 minutes** of **jokes** for a **half-hour show!**


Speaking of **hoarse breathing,** there **go** my **parents again!**
Growff! Go **get** the **applesauce,** a **pair** of **pre-cooled ice tongs** and the **hamster wheel!**
But honey! Just **once,** why can't we have **normal love making?**
No way! We did **that four times before** and **look** what we **ended up with!**

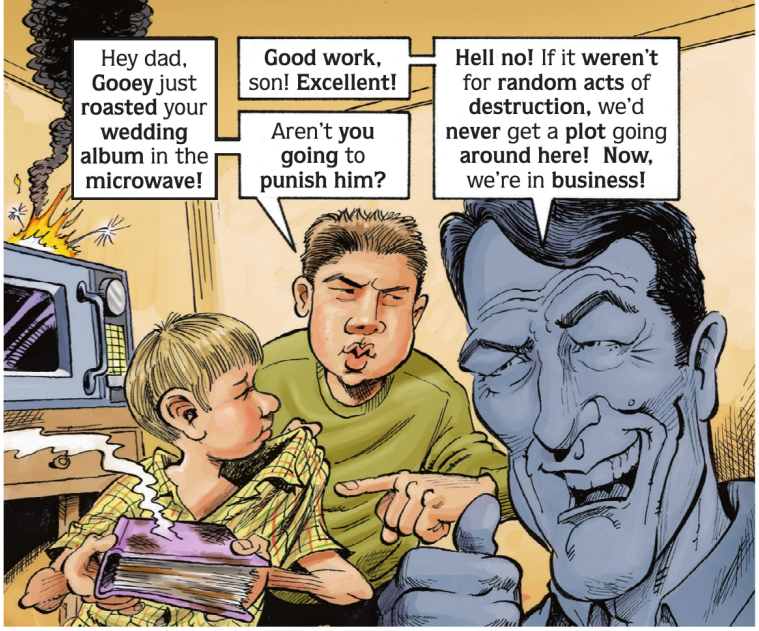

The **producers** of this show think that **nothing's funnier** than two **married** people **still** being **hot** for each other! That's what **happens** when you **live** in **Hollywood!** The **AOL 5.0 update** lasted **longer** than **most** of the **marriages out here!**
Boy...puff... **Malcontent...** your... hack...**mom** and...huff... **dad really...** choke...**really...**
They **really what? WHAT?** The **S.O.S.** from the **Titanic** came **through quicker!**
JENKIN'S FAN CLUB

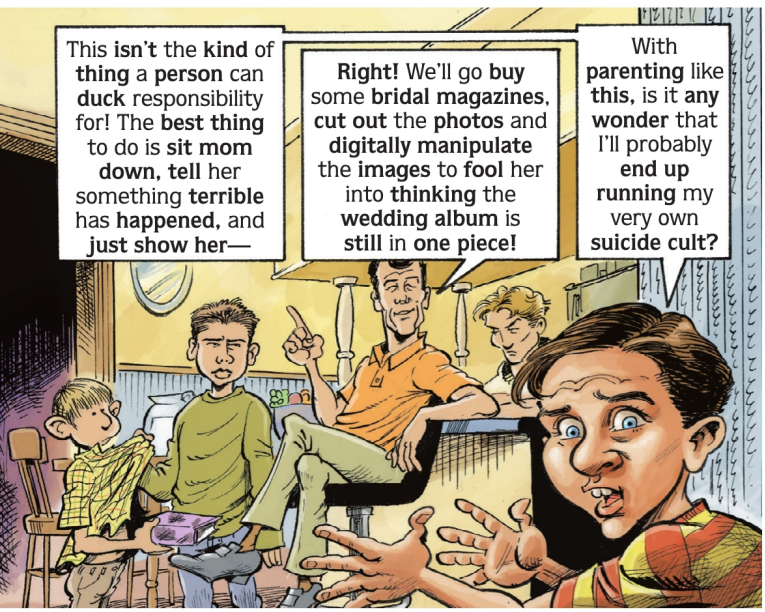

Skeevy and I are **different** from the **other kids!** We're in the **gifted class** for **geniuses!** We get to study **advanced calculus, interdimensional theory** and **biotechnology,** while the **dummies** in our school **waste** their **time playing sports, doing drugs,** and **having sex!** Ha! The **poor saps** don't **know** what they're **missing!**
EXTRA CREDIT
FUN WITH PHYSICS
SCIENCE MONTHLY
ELECTORAL COLLEGE MADE EASY (VOLUME 2 of 16)

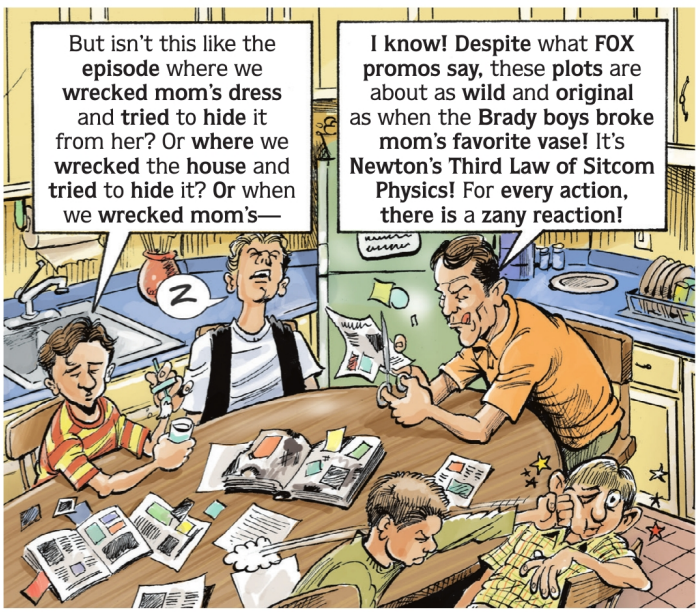
Whoops! I **should** have **warned** you! The **director** throws in a **weird camera angle** or an **extreme closeup** whenever an episode starts to **drag!** In other words, **every 40 seconds!** It's **good** for the **show,** though! I understand there are already **two dozen fan websites devoted** to my **left nostril!**

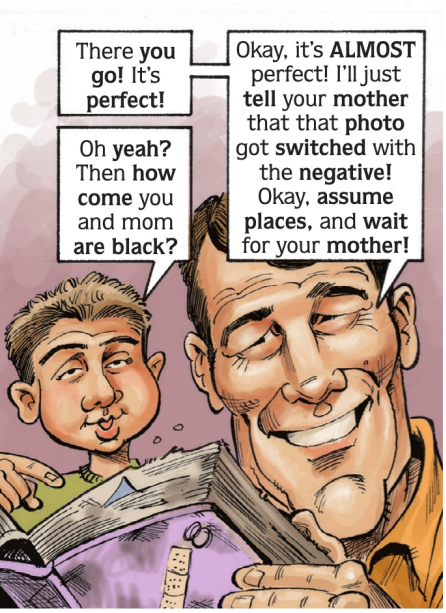

I'm home!
Frantic! YES! You're home from military school!
Of course I'm back, doofball! Haven't you noticed that I come home to visit in every episode?
Or that mom and dad sent him away to a military school that just happens to be across the street from our house?
I didn't notice any of that! When I spend 90% of the time staring into the camera talking to you, I miss a lot of what goes on around here!
I was starting to get nervous! The show's been on for almost five minutes! We never go that long without a barbaric act of mayhem!
Wheels, don't drop the hot oil until you see the fire station!
But... I... don't... huff... want... to!
Our series has all the cruelty and violence of the World Wrestling Federation... only without the subtlety!
Hi, Frantic! You haven't visited us from school since eight this morning! How are your grades?
Pretty good! I got an A- in Vandalism, B's in Advanced Torture and Abuse, and an Incomplete in Hostage Negotiating!
Well, just remember one thing, Mister! Life is no day at the circus! So you have to make sure Mr. Elephant doesn't eat your last peanut! Just because you can fill a tiny car with 24 midget clowns is no reason to assume the ringmaster is your friend! Do you want to be the guy who rides the horse, or the guy who washes the horse?
This is the part of the show where mom spews out her loony analogies and advice! It's always a bunch of nonsensical, nonlinear non sequiturs! It's also non-funny!
MAX KORN
Son, whenever your mother gets this way, it's best just to let her go!
But this is pointless, forced wackiness! This week, "life isn't a circus!" Last week, "life wasn't an African safari!" Next week, "life won't be a course in air conditioner repair!"
That's very astute, Malcontent! I'll bring that up at the next rehearsal! With your IQ, I'm sure you'll come up with replacement jokes for all the filler we'll be cutting out of the show, thanks to your ideas!
Um...ah hey, mom! You left out the part about the lion tamers!
I'm leaving! It's time for one of those kooky "abandonment" gimmicks I do! It gives you boys a chance for some male bonding!
The big difference is, in my family our male bonding generally involves Krazy Glue!
PAXIL CRUNCH CEREAL

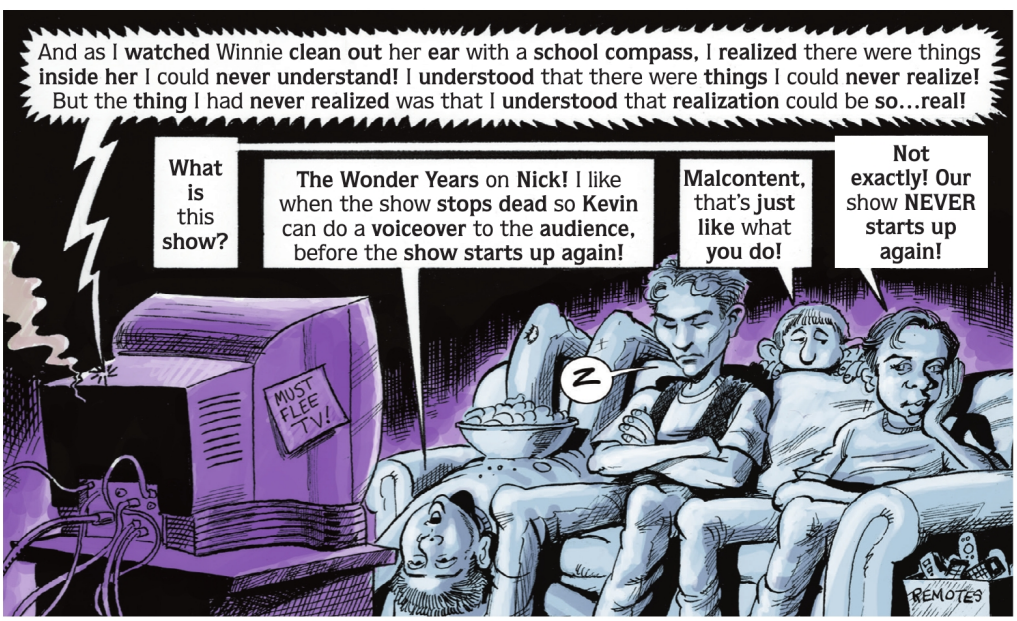
Yow! We must be doing nothing again, because the camera angle just went dipsy-doodle!
That reminds me, son! We got a call from a lady complaining about the irritating, super-stylized way we look on TV! She says we throw in these crazy shots for no reason!
Yeah? What was her name?
Missy Elliott!

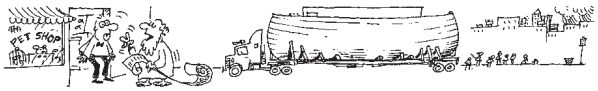

Hey dad, Gooey just roasted your wedding album in the microwave!
Good work, son! Excellent!
Aren't you going to punish him?
Hell no! If it weren't for random acts of destruction, we'd never get a plot going around here! Now, we're in business!


This isn't the kind of thing a person can duck responsibility for! The best thing to do is sit mom down, tell her something terrible has happened, and just show her—
Right! We'll go buy some bridal magazines, cut out the photos and digitally manipulate the images to fool her into thinking the wedding album is still in one piece!
With parenting like this, is it any wonder that I'll probably end up running my very own suicide cult?


But isn't this like the episode where we wrecked mom's dress and tried to hide it from her? Or where we wrecked the house and tried to hide it? Or when we wrecked mom's—
I know! Despite what FOX promos say, these plots are about as wild and original as when the Brady boys broke mom's favorite vase! It's Newton's Third Law of Sitcom Physics! For every action, there is a zany reaction!


There you go! It's perfect!
Okay, it's ALMOST perfect! I'll just tell your mother that that photo got switched with the negative! Okay, assume places, and wait for your mother!
Oh yeah? Then how come you and mom are black?


And as I watched Winnie clean out her ear with a school compass, I realized there were things inside her I could never understand! I understood that there were things I could never realize! But the thing I had never realized was that I understood that realization could be so...real!
What is this show?
The Wonder Years on Nick! I like when the show stops dead so Kevin can do a voiceover to the audience, before the show starts up again!
Malcontent, that's just like what you do!
Not exactly! Our show NEVER starts up again!
MUST FLEE TV!
REMOTES



While we're **waiting,** let me **help** you with your **math homework!**

Four plus four is **eight!** But only **six** of the **eight count!** So we **count** it **again,** and this **time** it **comes out twelve!** Except we didn't **get up to twelve** until after **5 o'clock,** so the **answer** is **really seven!**

Those **numbers** are **completely absurd!**

Then how **come** my **math teacher** gave me an **A-minus?**

Maybe she's **grading** on the **curve...**of the **lumps** in your **head! Where** is that **in-competent teacher from?**

She was an **election official in Florida!**

What **now?** Who **thought** up this **eye-catching camera angle?**

Nobody! The **cameraman** just **fell asleep!**

Yeah, I **know** the **feel-ing!**

Okay, enough **dysfunctional interaction!** It's time for **Newton's Fourth Law of Sitcom Physics!** The **shortest distance** between **two plot points** is the **most implausible!**

I'm home!

Quick! Put this **back** on the **shelf!** Hopefully, it'll be **five years** before she **even bothers to...**

Look who I've been **reminiscing with!** The **minister** who **married us!** And he **wants** to **see** the **wedding album!**

This is the **kind** of **nutty coincidence** you **only** get on **TV!** Which is a very **good argument** for **going** to **museums!**

Hold it! Why is it **so quiet** in **here?**

Because we **don't have** a **jarring laugh track** like **most ordinary, badly-written sitcoms do!**

We also **don't have** as **many LAUGHS** like **ordinary, badly-written sitcoms do either!**

We **have** a **quirk-o-meter!**

What's a **quirk-o-meter?**

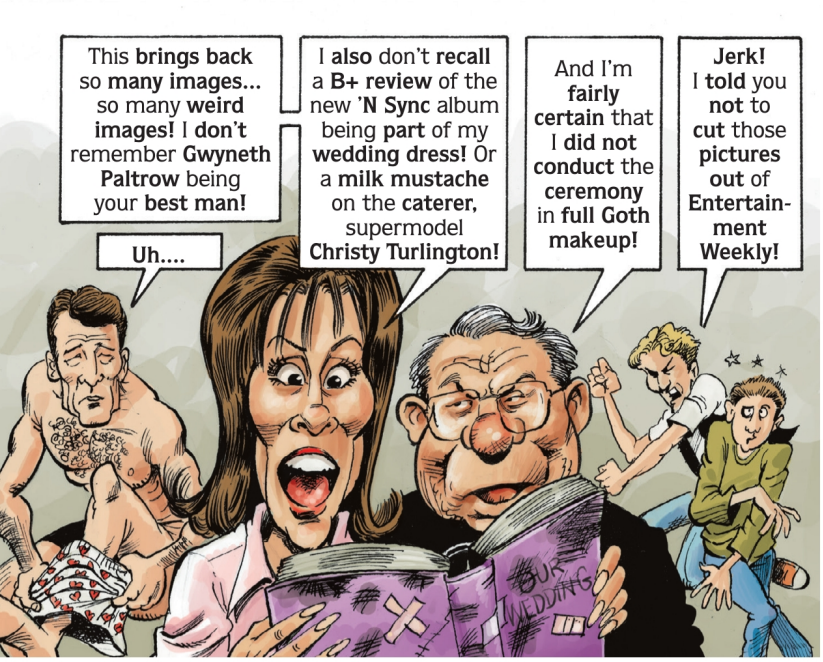
It **measures** the **level** of **unusual behavior** in our **house!** In lieu of **actual comedy** we just **throw** a **load** of **weird stuff against** the **wall** each week and **hope** that the **audience thinks** they've been **entertained!**

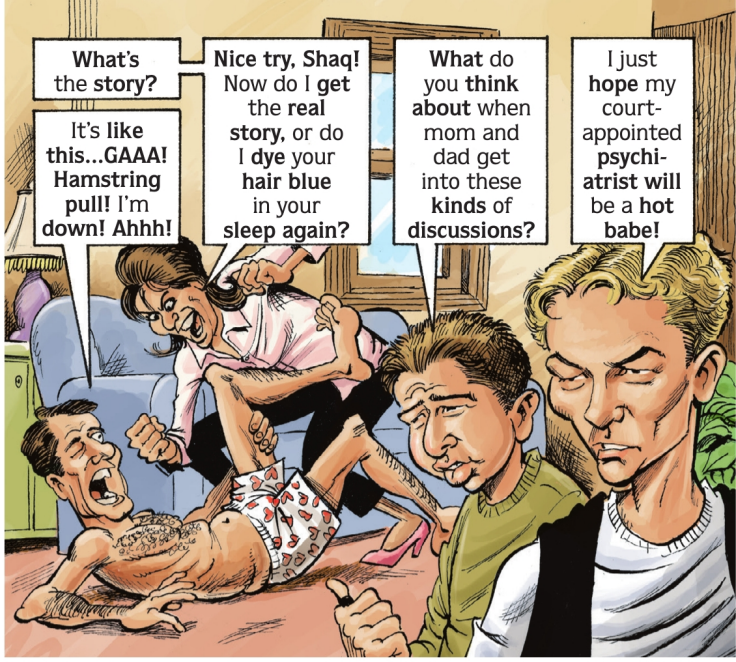
Kids, **come look!** It took me **three years,** but I **filled up** an empty **mayonnaise jar** with **toenail clippings!**

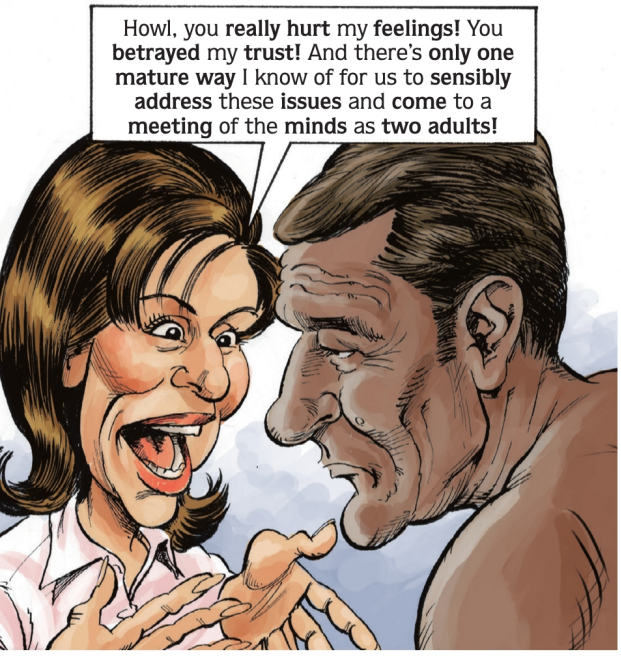
Careful, Dad! You just **busted** the **quirk-o-meter** into **smithereens!**

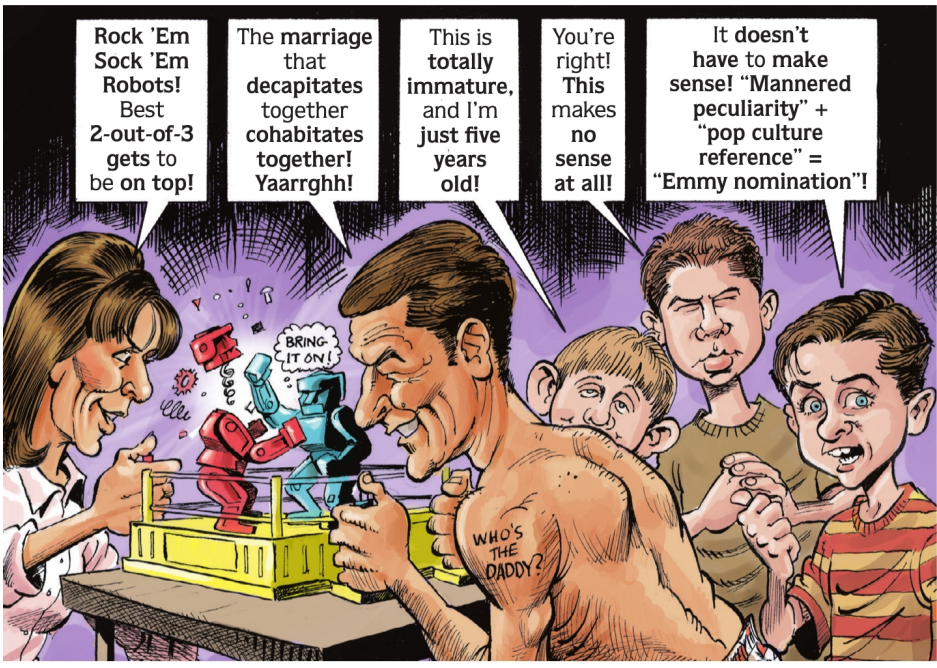
Dad, this is like the **30th gratuitous naked scene** we've done this **season!** It's getting **embarrassing!**

You're **embarrassed?** How do you think **I feel?** It's **so cold** in **here** they have me **blocked off** by a **tiny salt shaker!**


This brings back so many images... so many weird images! I don't remember Gwyneth Paltrow being your best man!
I also don't recall a B+ review of the new 'N Sync album being part of my wedding dress! Or a milk mustache on the caterer, supermodel Christy Turlington!
And I'm fairly certain that I did not conduct the ceremony in full Goth makeup!
Jerk! I told you not to cut those pictures out of Entertainment Weekly!
Uh....
OUR WEDDING


What's the story?
It's like this...GAAA! Hamstring pull! I'm down! Ahhh!
Nice try, Shaq! Now do I get the real story, or do I dye your hair blue in your sleep again?
What do you think about when mom and dad get into these kinds of discussions?
I just hope my court-appointed psychiatrist will be a hot babe!


Howl, you really hurt my feelings! You betrayed my trust! And there's only one mature way I know of for us to sensibly address these issues and come to a meeting of the minds as two adults!


Rock 'Em Sock 'Em Robots! Best 2-out-of-3 gets to be on top!
The marriage that decapitates together cohabitates together! Yaarrghh!
This is totally immature, and I'm just five years old!
You're right! This makes no sense at all!
It doesn't have to make sense! "Mannered peculiarity" + "pop culture reference" = "Emmy nomination"!
BRING IT ON!
WHO'S THE DADDY?

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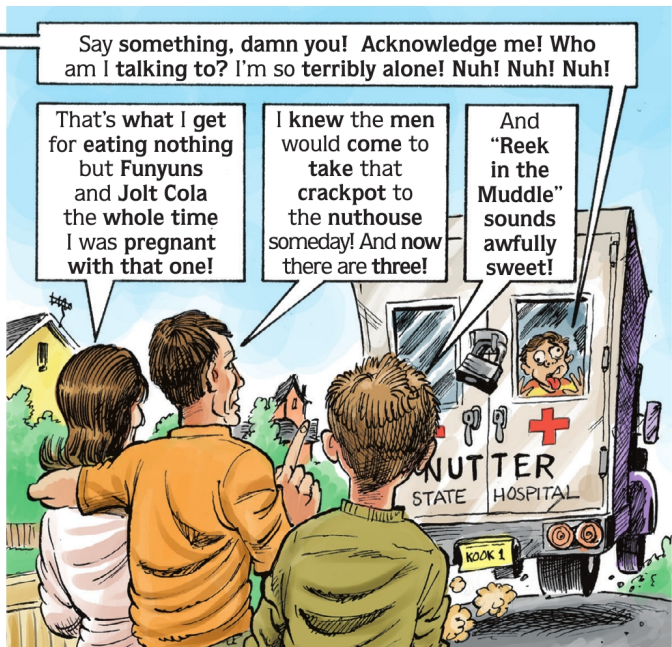
You might say that everything's back to abnormal around here! My brother Frantic went back to military school, but he'll probably be back for dinner! The Coast Guard radioed that they spotted Skeevy off the coast of Newfoundland! I assume Gooey is still in the mall fountain where we left him yesterday!

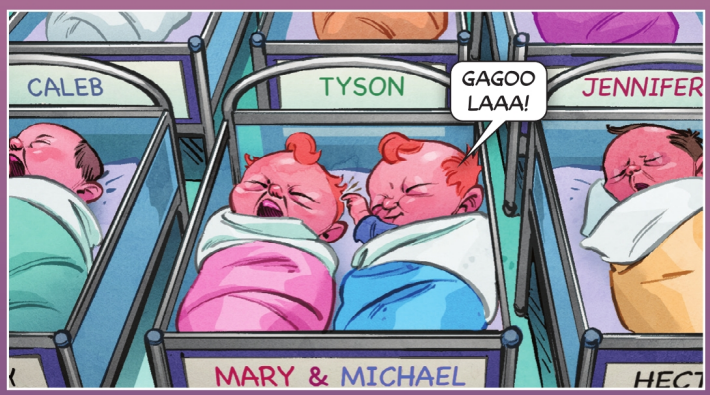
Unfortunately, that means that my boring life is pretty much the same, too! But I don't have to tell you about that! Do I? Who are you, anyway? How come you never answer me? All you do is stare, stare, stare! Your eyes! They burn! Get them off me! I'm covered with eyes!


Say something, damn you! Acknowledge me! Who am I talking to? I'm so terribly alone! Nuh! Nuh! Nuh!
That's what I get for eating nothing but Funyuns and Jolt Cola the whole time I was pregnant with that one!
I knew the men would come to take that crackpot to the nuthouse someday! And now there are three!
And "Reek in the Muddle" sounds awfully sweet!
NUTTER STATE HOSPITAL
KOOK 1

It sure would be fun to have a same-age sibling who shares everything with you and thinks like you do. *Or* it could suck—and deteriorate into a...

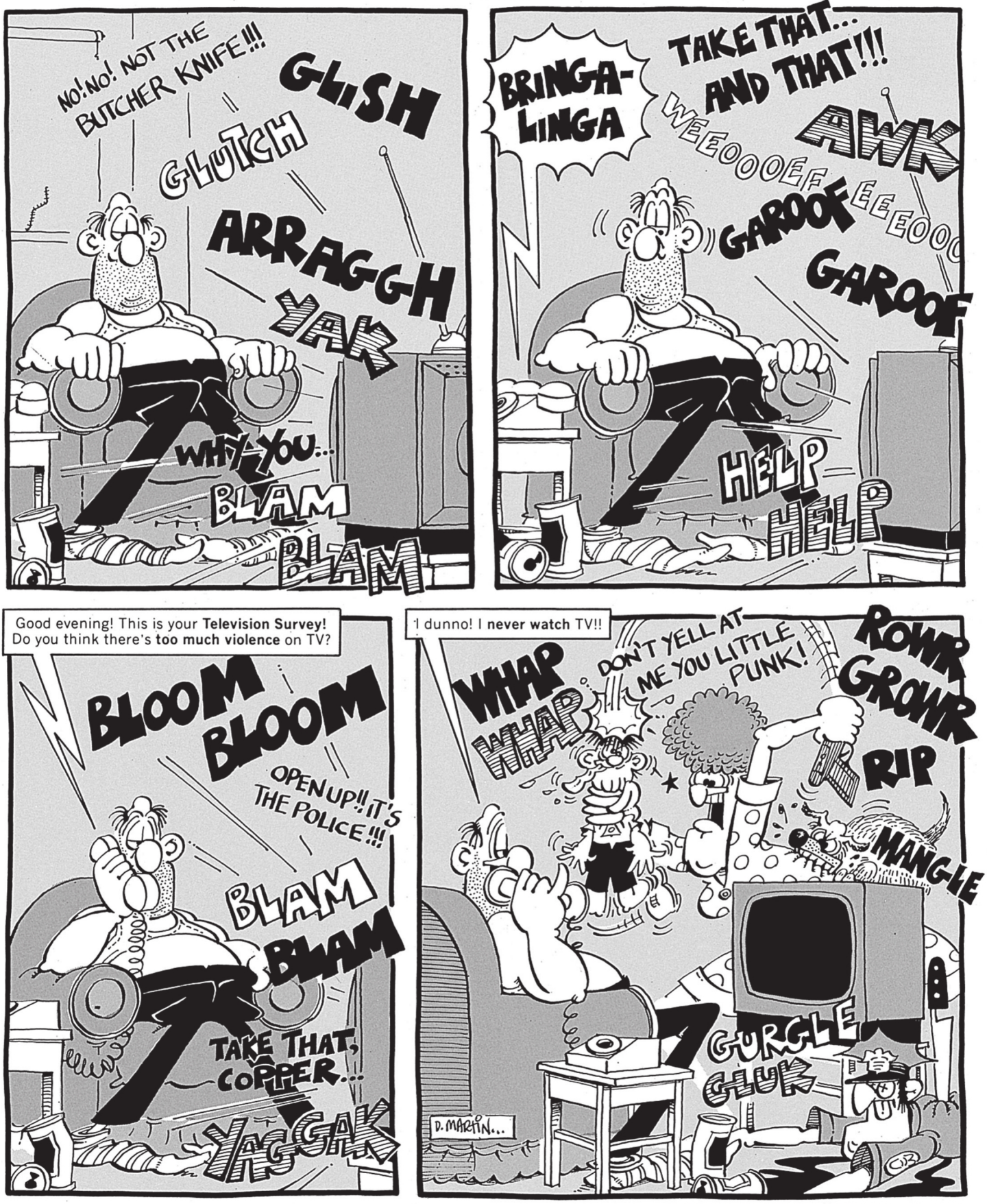
SIBLING RIVALRY

WRITER **MIKE CARLIN** ARTIST **HERMANN MEJIA**



ONE FINE EVENING DURING PRIME TIME

WRITER & ARTIST **DON MARTIN**



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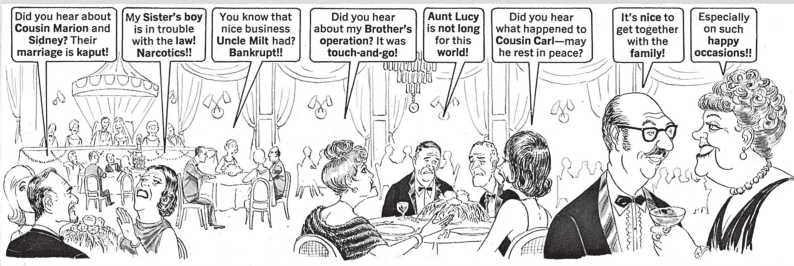
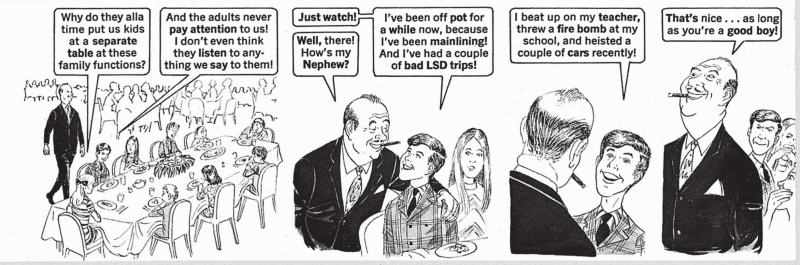
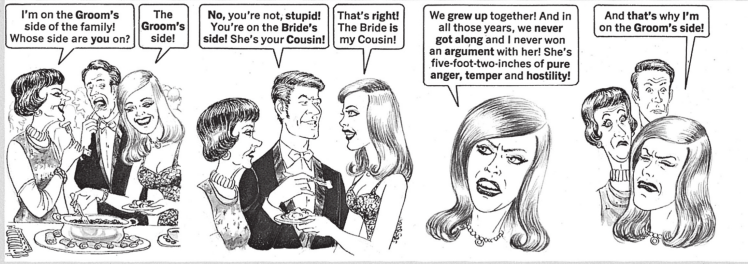
THE LIGHTER SIDE OF... FAMILY GATHERINGS

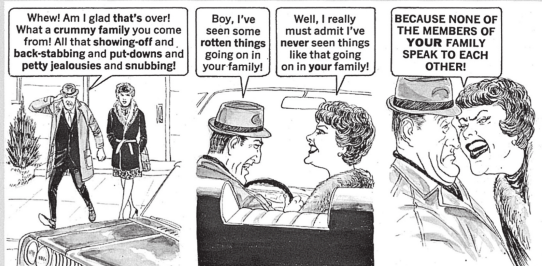
WRITER & ARTIST **DAVE BERG**

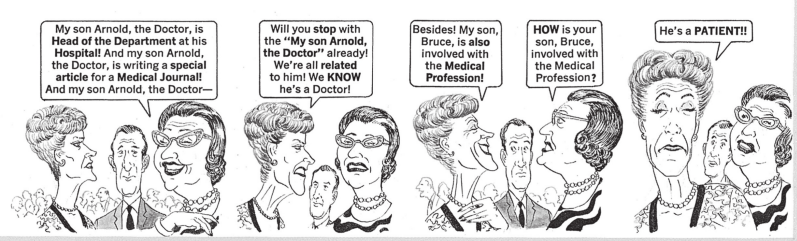
Wow! Will you get a load of this **spread** your Cousin made for the Cousins' Club . . .
I think it's **terrible**!
What are you **talking** about!? It's even **more beautiful, more varied,** and **more expensive** than the spread **YOU** made last time!
That's what I **mean!** I think it's **terrible!**


Did you hear about **Cousin Marion** and **Sidney?** Their **marriage** is **kaput!**
My **Sister's boy** is in trouble with the **law! Narcotics!!**
You know that nice business **Uncle Milt** had? **Bankrupt!!**
Did you hear about my **Brother's operation?** It was **touch-and-go!**
Aunt Lucy is not long for this **world!**
Did you hear what happened to **Cousin Carl**—may he rest in peace?
It's **nice** to get together with the **family!**
Especially on such **happy occasions!!**


Why do they alla time put us kids at a **separate table** at these family functions?
And the adults never **pay attention** to us! I don't even think they **listen** to anything we say to them!
Just watch!
Well, there! How's my **Nephew?**
I've been off **pot** for a **while** now, because I've been **mainlining!** And I've had a couple of **bad LSD trips!**
I beat up on my **teacher,** threw a **fire bomb** at my school, and heisted a couple of **cars** recently!
That's nice . . . as long as you're a **good boy!**

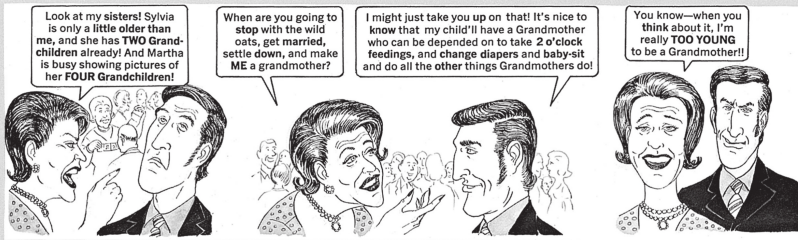

I'm on the **Groom's** side of the family! Whose side are **you** on?
The **Groom's** side!
No, you're not, **stupid!** You're on the **Bride's side!** She's your **Cousin!**
That's right! The **Bride** is my Cousin!
We **grew up** together! And in all those years, we **never got along** and I never won an **argument** with her! She's five-foot-two-inches of **pure anger, temper** and **hostility!**
And **that's** why I'm on the **Groom's side!**

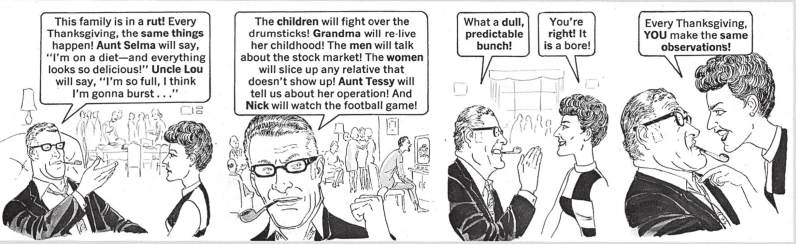

Whew! Am I glad **that's** over! What a **crummy family** you come from! All that **showing-off** and **back-stabbing** and **put-downs** and **petty jealousies** and **snubbing!**
Boy, I've seen some **rotten things** going on in your family!
Well, I really must admit I've **never** seen things like that going on in **your** family!
BECAUSE NONE OF THE MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY SPEAK TO EACH OTHER!


My son Arnold, the Doctor, is Head of the Department at his Hospital! And my son Arnold, the Doctor, is writing a special article for a Medical Journal! And my son Arnold, the Doctor—
Will you stop with the "My son Arnold, the Doctor" already! We're all related to him! We KNOW he's a Doctor!
Besides! My son, Bruce, is also involved with the Medical Profession!
HOW is your son, Bruce, involved with the Medical Profession?
He's a PATIENT!!

Ohhh! It's terrible to get old! My arthritis is killing me! It was all I could do to walk up the steps outside!
You think you've got troubles! I've got bursitis, high blood pressure and varicose veins!
Listen! The music is starting!
Let's get a little closer to the band!

Boy . . . am I sorry I came!
Me, too!
I hate these family affairs!
Me, too!
You DO?! You mean somebody ELSE feels the way I do! I'm not alone!?
You certainly are NOT!
Gee . . . I'm so glad I came!
Me, too!


Look at my sisters! Sylvia is only a little older than me, and she has TWO Grandchildren already! And Martha is busy showing pictures of her FOUR Grandchildren!
When are you going to stop with the wild oats, get married, settle down, and make ME a grandmother?
I might just take you up on that! It's nice to know that my child'll have a Grandmother who can be depended on to take 2 o'clock feedings, and change diapers and baby-sit and do all the other things Grandmothers do!
You know—when you think about it, I'm really TOO YOUNG to be a Grandmother!!


This family is in a rut! Every Thanksgiving, the same things happen! Aunt Selma will say, "I'm on a diet—and everything looks so delicious!" Uncle Lou will say, "I'm so full, I think I'm gonna burst . . ."
The children will fight over the drumsticks! Grandma will re-live her childhood! The men will talk about the stock market! The women will slice up any relative that doesn't show up! Aunt Tessy will tell us about her operation! And Nick will watch the football game!
What a dull, predictable bunch!
You're right! It is a bore!
Every Thanksgiving, YOU make the same observations!

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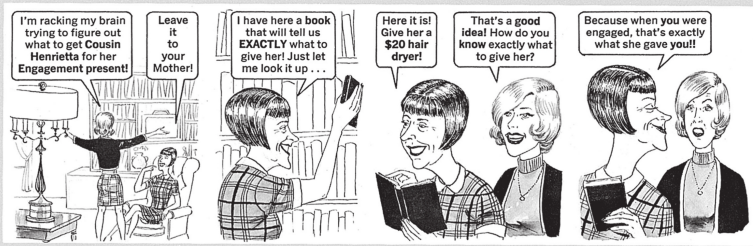

I'm racking my brain trying to figure out what to get Cousin Henrietta for her Engagement present!
Leave it to your Mother!
I have here a book that will tell us EXACTLY what to give her! Just let me look it up . . .
Here it is! Give her a $20 hair dryer!
That's a good idea! How do you know exactly what to give her?
Because when you were engaged, that's exactly what she gave you!!

I can't sleep!
Is it any wonder!
It happens every time we go to your folks' house for a family get-together!
Yes, that's true!
It must have something to do with being amongst all those hostile in-laws!
Don't give me that, Buster!
It has to do with the fact that you always fall asleep the minute we get there! No wonder you're not sleepy now!

As long as I've got the whole family together, let me take a picture! Okay—everybody over there!
He's at it again! Every family has to have a camera nuisance!
Forget it! I'm not moving from this chair!
My hair is a mess!
Go away! Stop bothering us!
While you were all so busy protesting, I was busy shooting CANDID PHOTOS of you all!
You didn't! You wouldn't dare!
You sneaky son of a gun!
Er . . . I'd like a copy of each shot!
Me, too, please!
So would I!

Presenting the trailer for a ghoulishly festive film featuring your favorite horror icons, all coming together to celebrate the season in...

THE FAMILY FROM HELL: Home for the Holidays

STARRING...

The warm (well, singed) and paternal **FREDDY KRUEGER** as dear old Dead...er, Dad

The bride of Chucky, **TIFFANY VALENTINE**, as the merry murdering Mom, **CUJO** as the family pet, and **GHOSTFACE** as their nosy neighbor

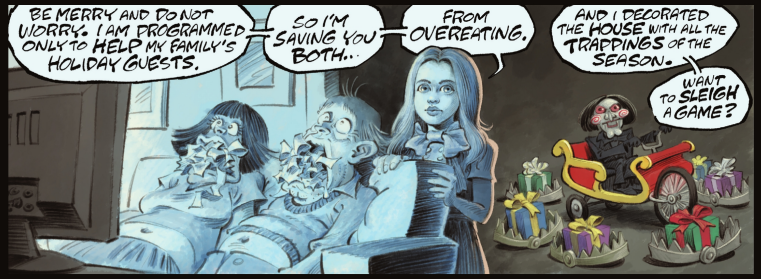
I'M FEELING SO ORNA-MENTAL! I THOUGHT I'D HAVE SOME HORROR-DAY FUN ADORNING THE LAWN WITH A CHILLINGLY DECORATED SNOWMAN!
DAMN! THAT'S COLD!

WRITER **BROCKTON MCKINNEY** ARTIST **GIDEON KENDALL**

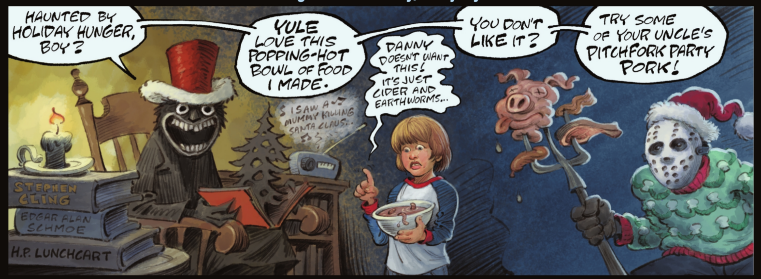
ALSO FEATURING...

DAMIEN from *The Omen* as the brooding big brother, and **HOLLY BERRIES** as his festively possessed nanny

The mirthful, mechanical maniac **M3GAN** as the big sister, and the dearly depraved **BILLY THE PUPPET** from *Saw* as the lovable little brother


BE MERRY AND DO NOT WORRY. I AM PROGRAMMED ONLY TO HELP MY FAMILY'S HOLIDAY GUESTS.
SO I'M SAVING YOU BOTH...
FROM OVEREATING.
AND I DECORATED THE HOUSE WITH ALL THE TRAPPINGS OF THE SEASON.
WANT TO SLEIGH A GAME?

That convivial creature **THE BABADOOK** as the grumpy Grandfather, **DANNY TORRANCE** from *The Shining* as Cousin Tony, and jolly **JASON VORHEES** as Unca' Jason


HAUNTED BY HOLIDAY HUNGER, BOY?
YULE LOVE THIS POPPING-HOT BOWL OF FOOD I MADE.
DANNY DOESN'T WANT THIS! IT'S JUST CIDER AND EARTHWORMS...
YOU DON'T LIKE IT?
TRY SOME OF YOUR UNCLE'S PITCHFORK PARTY PORK!
I SAW A MUMMY KILLING SANTA CLAUS!
STEPHEN KING
EDGAR ELAN SCHMOE
H.P. LUNCHCART

COMING SOON DOWN YOUR CHIMNEY—OR ON A CURSED VHS TAPE—THIS WINTER!

Christmas! The time of year when family members gather around the hearth to bond and express love and good cheer whilst the smell of pine trees and freshly baked goods wafts throughout the loving household. Yeah, right! Maybe in a Norman Rockwell painting! But not in any American family we've seen lately! These days it seems most family members can barely stand to be in the same room with each other, let alone exchange gifts and pleasantries! And so it is with these pathetic, screwed-up Americans in mind that we now present...

Christmas Carols FOR Dysfunctional Families

It Started With a Glass of Beer

(Sung to the tune of "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear")

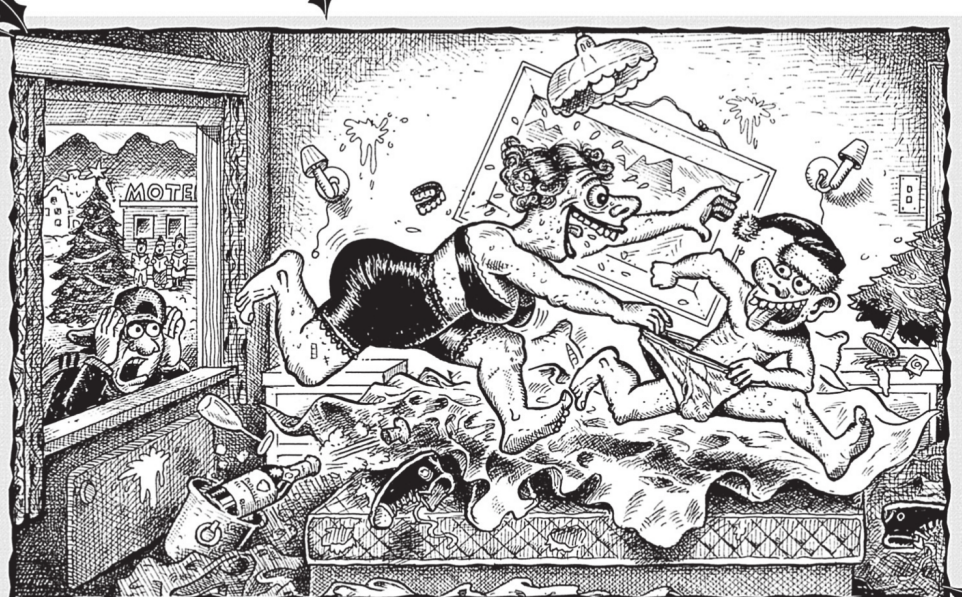
It start-ed wi-ith a glass of beer —
The way that it so often does;
Soon Fred had knocked off a pint of rye,
And Marge had one helluva buzz;
The yell-ing started 'round half past nine,
The slaps and the punches at ten;
The screams grew loud and the neighbors knew
The Sweeneys were at it again.

His eyes were bla-ack from countless blows;
Her body was bloodied and raw;
His nose was broken — he'd lost four teeth
From stopping a vase with his jaw;
They've loathed each other since God knows when,
And neither shows any remorse;
They'll stick together because they know
The Church won't permit a divorce.

Hark! The Gossip Fills The Air

(Sung to the tune of "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing")

Hark! The gossip fills the air-r —
Mom's begun a new affair;
Sneaking off to get her ki-icks —
Down the road at Motel 6;
Filled with mid-life lust and hunger,
Ev'ry year she likes them younger;
Who'd have thought her days she'd spend
Getting it on...with my best friend!
Shack-ing up for days on end —
Getting it on...with my best friend!



Rudy the Deadbeat Father

(Sung to the tune of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer")

Rudy the deadbeat fath-er
Won't support his fam-i-ly —
Dooming his wife and children
To a life of pov-er-ty.

Rudy enjoys the good life —
Takes a Roy-al Princess cruise;
Makes it with busty bim-bos —
Drinks the most ex-pen-sive booze.

When the law got on his trail,
Rudy changed his name;
Grew a moustache and goatee,
Had some plastic sur-ger-y.

Rudy the deadbeat fath-er
Loves the glitter and the glow;
If he had on-ly known it,
He'd have split ten years ago!

WRITER **FRANK JACOBS** ARTIST **TOM BUNK**

Uncle Claude is Coming to Town

(Sung to the tune of "Santa Claus is Coming to Town")

You better lock up
The kiddies today;
A lusty old gent
Is heading your way —
Uncle Claude is coming to town!

He's got a big smile;
He's giving out toys;
He's hot as can be
For underage boys —
Uncle Claude is coming to town!

He's such a jolly fellow;
He's always full of fun;
He'll lure your kid
In-to his room
For a game of "One on One"!

And should he strike out,
He doesn't much care;
The Internet's filled
With kiddie-porn there —
Uncle Claude is coming to town!

Every Week They Drop Another Grand

(Sung to the tune of "Winter Wonderland")

There it stands —
The casino;
Mom's inside,
Playing keno;
She's there night and day;
She can't stay away;
Ev'ry week she drops
another grand.

See my dad
Roll the dice there,
With his luck
Cold as ice there;
He doubles his bets
As well as his debts;
Ev'ry week he drops
another grand.

Yesterday they repossessed
our Taurus;
Dad's now cashing out his I-R-A;
Things are even worse for
Cousin Horace —
Beaten up by bookies he
can't pay.

Christmas Eve —
There's no tree here;
Folks are gone —
There's just me here;
They're trying once more
To make a big score —
You can bet they'll drop
another grand!

Fill the House

(Sung to the tune of "Deck the Halls")

Fill the house with jubilation!
Fa la la la la, la la la la!
Billy Bob is on probation!
Fa la la la la, la la la la!
Ellie slept with brother Chester!
Fa la la, la la la, la la la!
Now she's in her third trimester!
Fa la la la la, la la la la!

Give a cheer — we're all together!
Fa la la la la, la la la la!
Claire is into whips and leather!
Fa la la la la, la la la la!
Roy has formed his own militia!
Fa la la, la la la, la la la!
Clem's a pimp for cousin Tricia!
Fa la la la la, la la la la!

Gather 'round and give a blessing!
Fa la la la la, la la la la!
Uncle Fred is still cross-dressing!
Fa la la la la, la la la la!
Jeff is on the floor with Donna!
Fa la la, la la la, la la la!
Stoned on home-grown marijuana!
Fa la la la la, la la la la!

Join our Christmas celebration —
Fa la la la la, la la la la!
Make our house your destination —
Fa la la la la, la la la la!

Ev'ry year's a real hum-dinger —
Fa la la, la la la, la la la!
Catch us soon on Jerry Springer!
Fa la la la la, la la la la!

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SPY VS SPY

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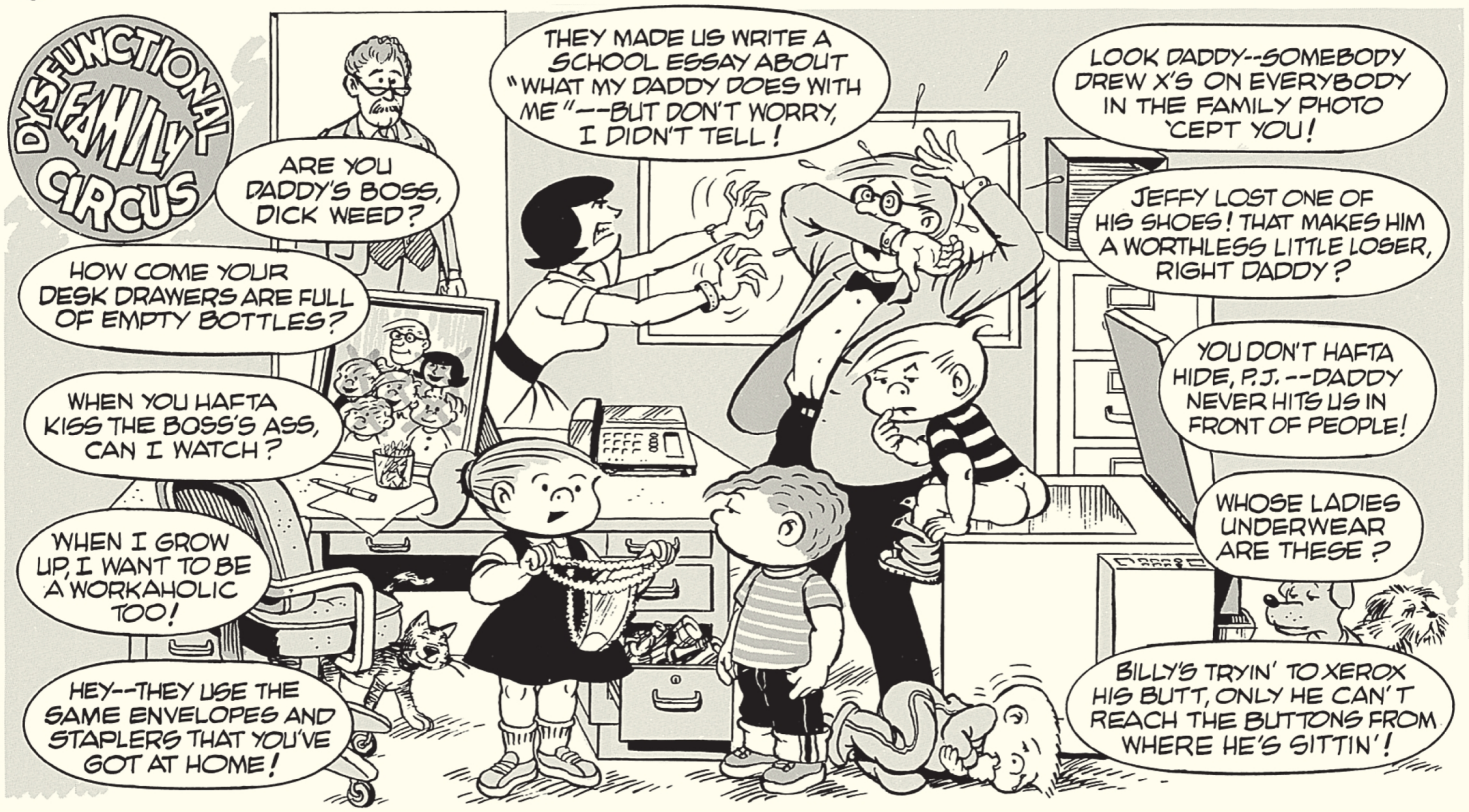
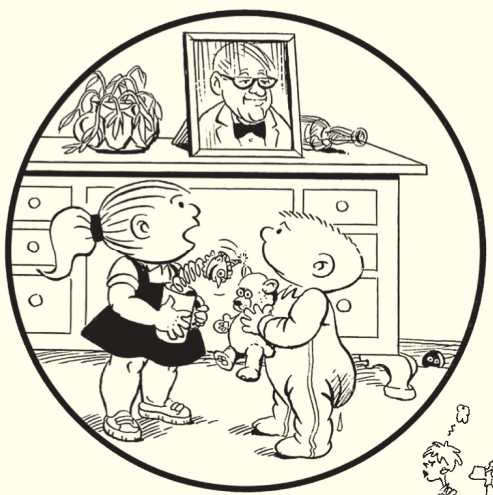

DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY CIRCUS
ARE YOU DADDY'S BOSS, DICK WEED?
THEY MADE US WRITE A SCHOOL ESSAY ABOUT "WHAT MY DADDY DOES WITH ME"--BUT DON'T WORRY, I DIDN'T TELL!
LOOK DADDY--SOMEBODY DREW X'S ON EVERYBODY IN THE FAMILY PHOTO 'CEPT YOU!
HOW COME YOUR DESK DRAWERS ARE FULL OF EMPTY BOTTLES?
JEFFY LOST ONE OF HIS SHOES! THAT MAKES HIM A WORTHLESS LITTLE LOSER, RIGHT DADDY?
WHEN YOU HAFTA KISS THE BOSS'S ASS, CAN I WATCH?
YOU DON'T HAFTA HIDE, P.J.--DADDY NEVER HITS US IN FRONT OF PEOPLE!
WHEN I GROW UP, I WANT TO BE A WORKAHOLIC TOO!
WHOSE LADIES UNDERWEAR ARE THESE?
HEY--THEY USE THE SAME ENVELOPES AND STAPLERS THAT YOU'VE GOT AT HOME!
BILLY'S TRYIN' TO XEROX HIS BUTT, ONLY HE CAN'T REACH THE BUTTONS FROM WHERE HE'S SITTIN'!

WRITER **DESMOND DEVLIN** ARTIST **GEORGE WOODBRIDGE**

"If you loved your fish as much as he loved you, maybe he woudn't have died."



"That was grandpa. He's in Hell now."

"Billy will be ready as soon as he's finished changing the bed sheets he wet last night. "

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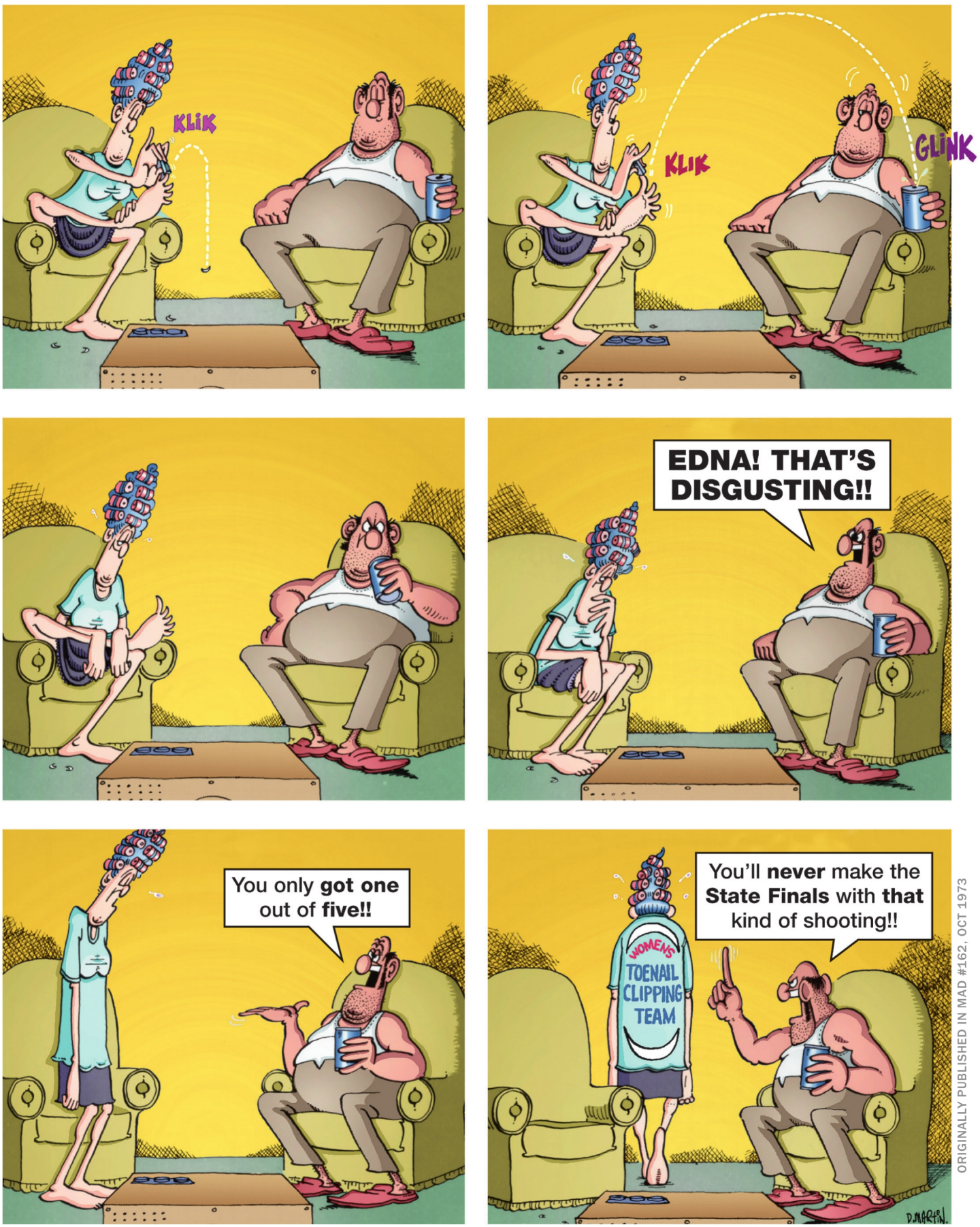

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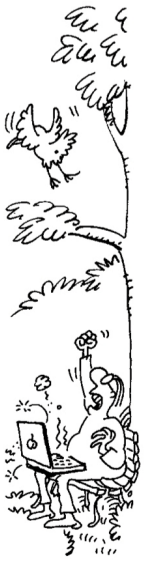

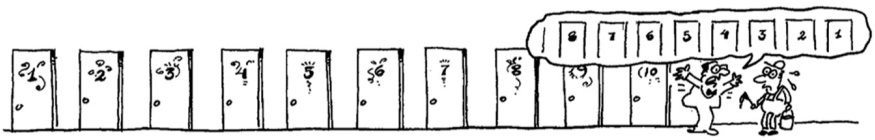

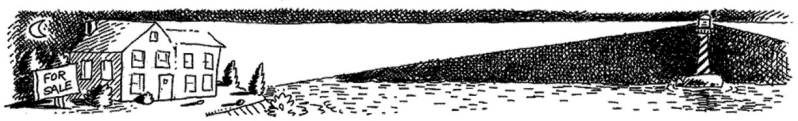

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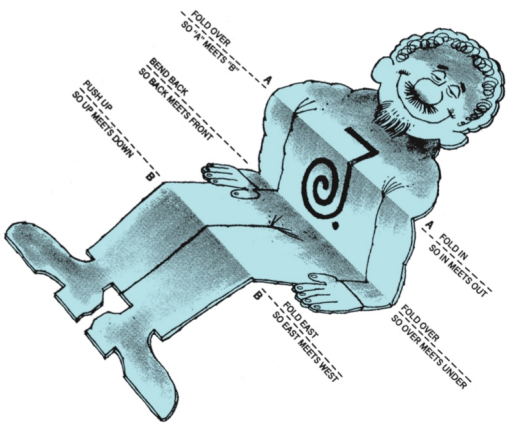
BONUS MATERIAL!

Haven't gotten enough familial flailing? Be sure to flip through the socially impaired(ody) from MAD #463, March 2006. The sarcastic silliness will make you go see a shrink!

This classic Al Jaffee Fold-In from MAD #536, December 2015 unfolds not one, but *two* family fracturing facts that are still relevant today.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ROCK OF AGES AGO DEPT.

everybody berates chris

I'm **Chris Rock**! First of all, let's get the **four-letter words** out of the way. **F$%^, mother %^$&er, c*$% s*&%$r!** Okay, there! You're **not** gonna hear **that** again because this is a **nice, sweet show** about my **growing up** in **Brooklyn!**

I **love** the **past**. I love **nostalgia**. That's why I **ripped off** the idea for this show from **The Wonder Years**, a **nostalgic show** from the **past** — namely the **1990s!**

That **TV series** had **voice-over narration** and **this one** has a **narrator**, too. It's **me!** I get a chance to talk about the **past** and also slip in **stuff** from my **act** disguised as **nostalgia**. But mainly, I **gripe** about how everybody **picks** on me in...

This is my old **neighborhood**. Immediately **one thing** becomes clear. **Nobody** here looks like **Harry Potter** or **Ryan Seacrest** or **Brad Pitt** or **Paris Hilton**. The only thing **white** here is the stale **Wonder Bread** in my **refrigerator!** There you have it, only **10 seconds** into the **show** and I've already managed to work in **five pop culture references!** Damn, I'm **good!**

It was called **Bedford Stuyvesant**. It wasn't exactly **Mayberry R.F.D.** The year was **1982. Reagan** was **President**, **The J. Geils Band** was **hot** and **E.T.** was the big **movie** that year!

That **bike scene** in **E.T.** could **never** have happened in **Bed Stuy**. Those bikes would have been **jacked** in **15 seconds!**

It was not **easy** growing up in **1982** in **Brooklyn**. There were a lot of **street toughs** in the area. The **main one** was my **Mom!**

I'm gonna **whup** you till a **week** from next **Thursday!**

I'm gonna **smack** you **12 ways** till **Arbor Day!**

Okay. Mom. I'll do my **homework!**

And the **penmanship** better be **neat** or I'm gonna **whack** you so **hard** your **body** will be **here** but your **face** will be rolling around the **Bronx!**

My Mom was **tougher** than locating the **UPN network** on your **satellite dish!**

My **Dad** was a **hard-working man**. He was **thrifty**. He was **cost-conscious**. He was **CHEAP!**

Can I have **six dollars** for a **record album?**

What album?

Earth, Wind & Fire!

You don't need all **three**. Here's **two bucks!** Just get **"Wind"!**

I was the **eldest** of **three kids**. My job was to watch over my little sister, **Tonta**, and my brother, **Droop**, who was **younger** than me but **taller** and **cooler**.

These old **clothes** are too **small** for me. **Mom** wants **you** to have them!

Great! I'm the **only** guy in the hood with **hand-me-ups!**

PPPBBBBB!

Every day, **Chris** is **bussed** to **school** in the **white** part of town!

His **parents** want him to have better **educational opportunities?**

His **Producers** want him to have better **comedic opportunities!** They figure there are more **sitcom possibilities** with tough **Italian** and **Irish** white kids!

I'm **Grog Marinara!** I'm Chris' **best friend** at **Capone Junior High!** Actually, I'm his **ONLY friend** at **Capone JHS!** I'm **thrilled** Chris was **bussed** here!

Because you're a **fan** of **racial diversity?**

Because, until **Chris** transferred here, **I** was the **nerd** they were **beating up** every day!

This **series** is a refreshing **change** for **UPN!**

You mean a **series** about **race relations?**

I mean a **series** that's lasted **more** than **five weeks!**

I can't **believe** this is a **Chris Rock** show!

Where are the **four letter words?** Where's the **edgy comedy?** Where's the **bite?**

It's a nice, warm-hearted, **family sitcom!**

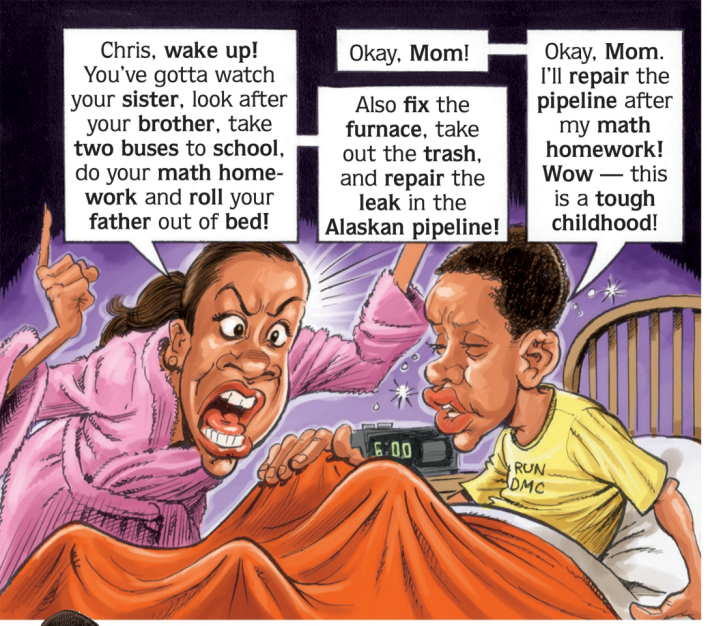
The **TV Guide** tag should be: **"Full House in 'da Hood!"**

This **Chris Rock** has what I had!

You mean the **storytelling artistry?** The huge national **popularity?**

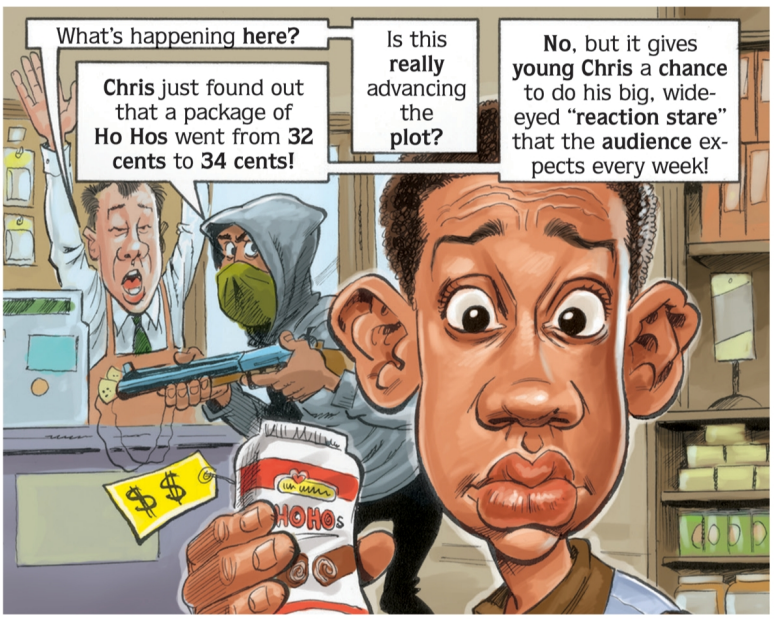
I mean the **same night** and the **same time slot!** Thursday nights at **8!** After **that**, the comparisons **end!**

WRITER: ARNY KOGEN ARTIST: TOM RICHMOND


Chris, **wake up!** You've gotta watch your **sister**, look after your **brother**, take **two buses** to **school**, do your **math homework** and **roll** your **father** out of **bed!**
Okay, **Mom!**
Also **fix** the **furnace**, take out the **trash**, and **repair** the **leak** in the **Alaskan pipeline!**
Okay, **Mom.** I'll **repair** the **pipeline** after my **math homework! Wow** — this is a **tough childhood!**
6:00
RUN DMC

My **sister** and I **got along** about as well as **Donald Rumsfeld** and **50 Cent**! Don't know what that **means,** but when you're a **narrator** you can **get away** with stuff like that!
I **hate** you! I like **Droop** better! I'm **never listening** to you! And I **smashed** your **record collection!**
Hey, you **know** what might be **cool, Tonta**? If you were **nice** to me for **one episode!**
I just **was!**

Dad showed his **love** in **many ways.** Being **generous** was **not** one of them...
Can I have more **Cheerios?**
Sure, how **many** do you want... **three? Four?**
Can I have **ten?**
Hey, **slow down**, boy. We didn't **win** the **lottery!**


What's happening **here?**
Chris just found out that a package of **Ho Hos** went from **32 cents** to **34 cents!**
Is this **really** advancing the **plot?**
No, but it gives **young Chris** a **chance** to do his big, wide-eyed **"reaction stare"** that the **audience** expects every week!
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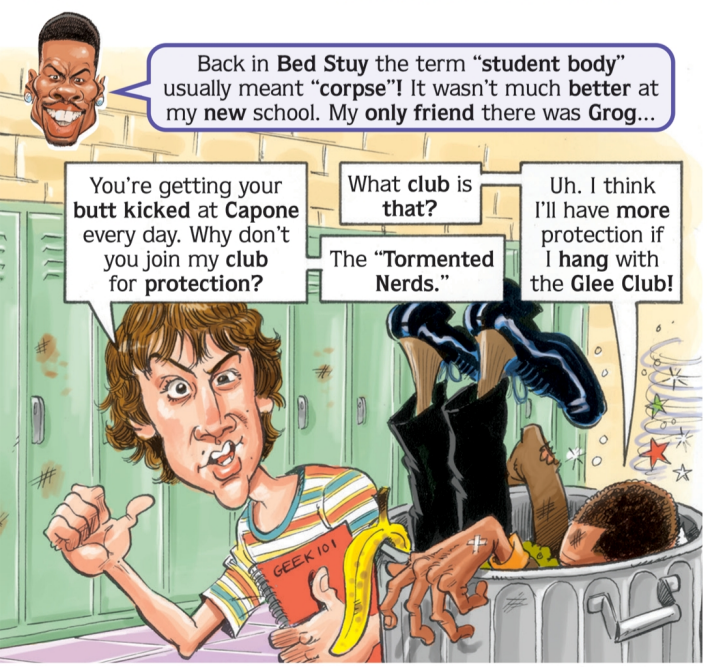
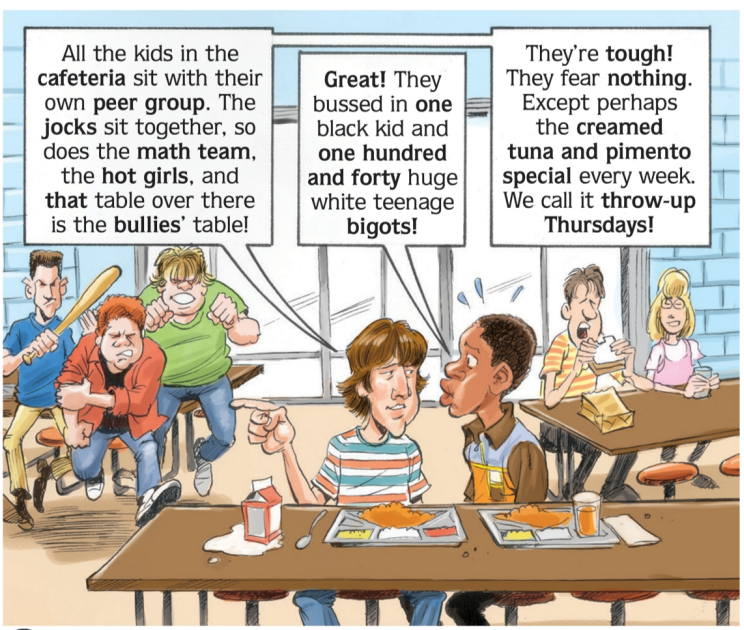
HOHOs


Back in **Bed Stuy** the term **"student body"** usually meant **"corpse"!** It wasn't much **better** at my **new** school. My **only friend** there was **Grog**...
You're getting your **butt kicked** at **Capone** every day. Why don't you join my **club** for **protection?**
What **club** is **that?**
The **"Tormented Nerds."**
Uh. I think I'll have **more** protection if I **hang** with the **Glee Club!**
GEEK 101


All the kids in the **cafeteria** sit with their own **peer group**. The **jocks** sit together, so does the **math team**, the **hot girls**, and **that** table over there is the **bullies'** table!
Great! They bussed in **one** black kid and **one hundred and forty** huge white teenage **bigots!**
They're **tough!** They fear **nothing.** Except perhaps the **creamed tuna and pimento special** every week. We call it **throw-up Thursdays!**

RUMBLE
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Every town has the same two malls: the one white people go to and the one white people used to go to! This has nothing to do with our story, but, as I said, I like to throw in stuff from my act! Okay, let's move on...

Fiiiiight!!!

It's no contest! I'm bigger, badder and stronger!

You may be bigger, but I can cripple my opponent with comedy!

Okay, little joke man! Good luck with your stand-up! Let's see if you're still standing up afterwards!

What happened?

The usual! Here are the totals for the season....

BRAWN: 8

WIT: 0

There seemed to be an unfair division of activities in my family! I did a lot of chores and Droop did a lot of women!

When I'm through making out with her, you wanna shot?

First your old clothes, now your old girlfriends. Hey, give me something that won't make me break out in a rash!

Even when I got a girl up to my room I didn't know what to do with her. My smoothest move was to show her my "Poster Wall." That was a mistake...

Who are they?

My heroes: Michael Jackson, O.J. Simpson and Ike Turner.

Wow!

They'll be legends for years and years!

Little did I realize that my wall was soon to become a police line-up!

What's going on now...plot-wise?

There is no plot! But the show has a collection of hot soundtracks from the late 70s and early 80s. It gives Chris a chance to strut his stuff – and become the black Travolta!

It also gives the show a chance to wedge in one of their forced "surreal scenes"!

Stayin' Alive

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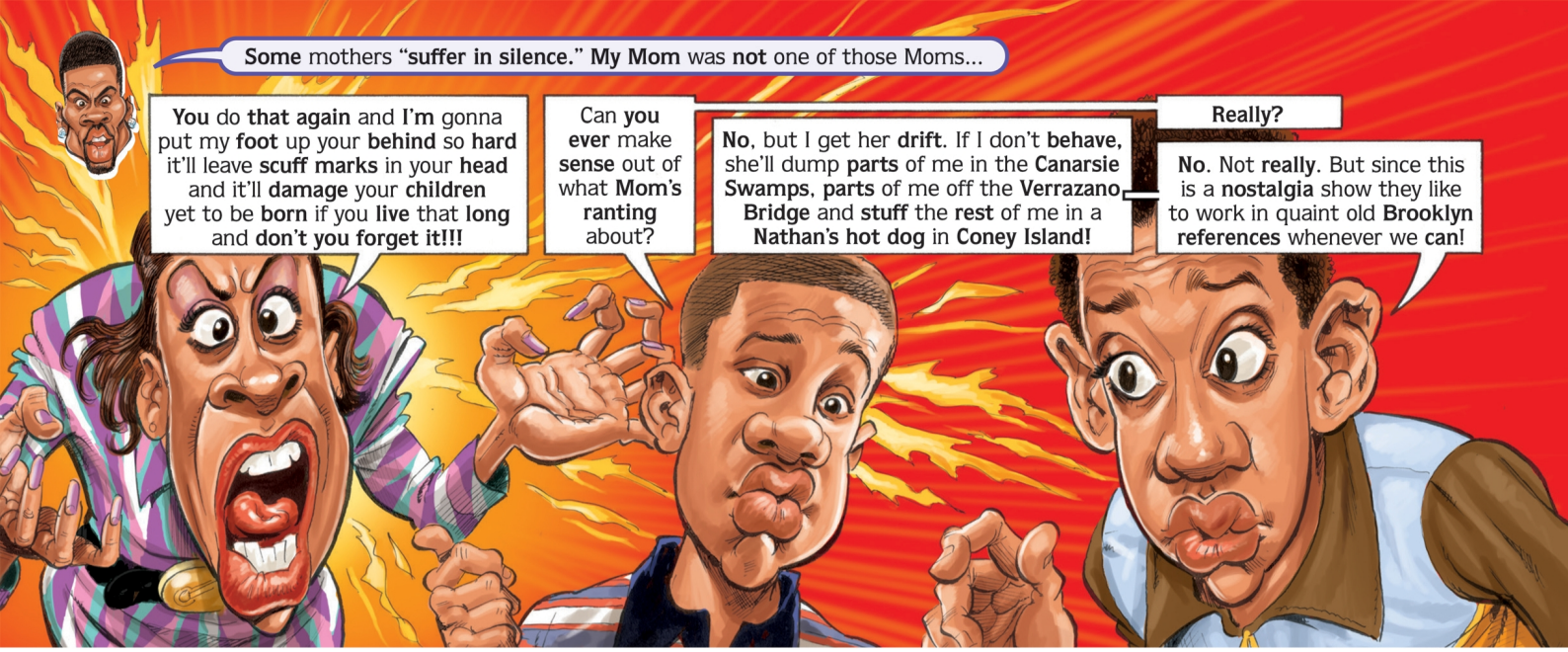
My folks never actually said they loved me! They showed their love in other ways! Like, instead of 48 chores a day, they'd give me only 46 chores a day!

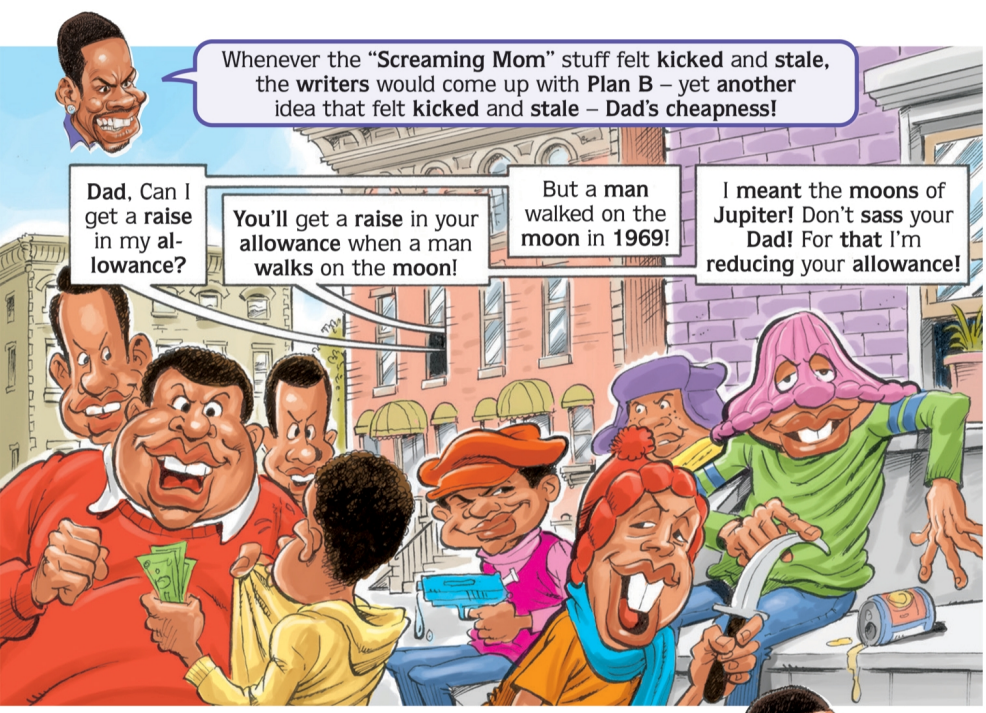
Chris, I want you to do a wash at the laundromat, pick up your Father's boots at the shoemaker, clean out the furnace and shovel the snow out of the driveway!

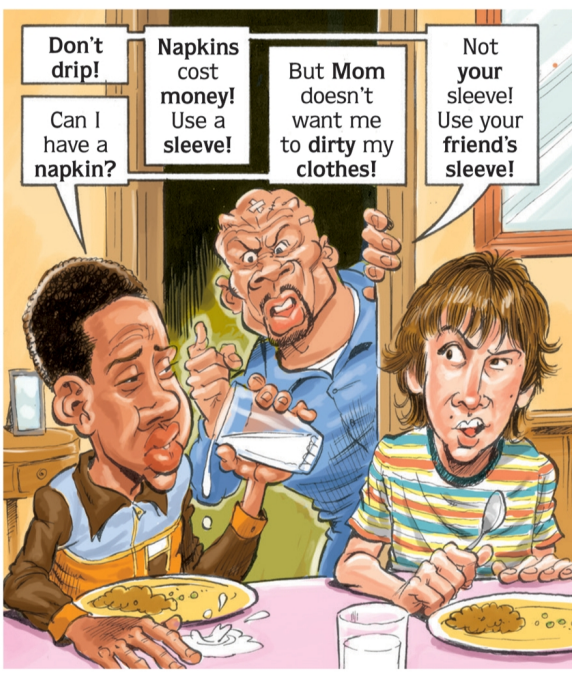
Shovel snow? It's the middle of May!

No excuses! Find some snow! Go to Canada! I don't want you sitting around on your butt doing nothing!

And rent a snow shovel! I'm not paying for a new one!


Some mothers "suffer in silence." My Mom was not one of those Moms...
You do that again and I'm gonna put my foot up your behind so hard it'll leave scuff marks in your head and it'll damage your children yet to be born if you live that long and don't you forget it!!!
Can you ever make sense out of what Mom's ranting about?
No, but I get her drift. If I don't behave, she'll dump parts of me in the Canarsie Swamps, parts of me off the Verrazano Bridge and stuff the rest of me in a Nathan's hot dog in Coney Island!
Really?
No. Not really. But since this is a nostalgia show they like to work in quaint old Brooklyn references whenever we can!


Whenever the "Screaming Mom" stuff felt kicked and stale, the writers would come up with Plan B – yet another idea that felt kicked and stale – Dad's cheapness!
Dad, Can I get a raise in my allowance?
You'll get a raise in your allowance when a man walks on the moon!
But a man walked on the moon in 1969!
I meant the moons of Jupiter! Don't sass your Dad! For that I'm reducing your allowance!


Don't drip!
Can I have a napkin?
Napkins cost money! Use a sleeve!
But Mom doesn't want me to dirty my clothes!
Not your sleeve! Use your friend's sleeve!

Why do Mom and Dad work me so hard?
It's because you're the oldest.
I think they're bigoted because I'm black!
You don't mean that!
No, but this series is so warm and heartfelt I thought I'd add some much needed controversy!

So that's my story. It was the early 80s. It was a simpler time. No iPods, no Xboxes, no TiVo, no bling-bling! It was before Mariah and Snoop! It was a time when absolutely nothing was happening in the world! It was dull!
Well, if dull is what you were after, then this show certainly captures that feeling!
You got that right! Now why don't you get your sorry narrator ass down here and appear in some episodes so we can get some decent ratings and stay on the air!

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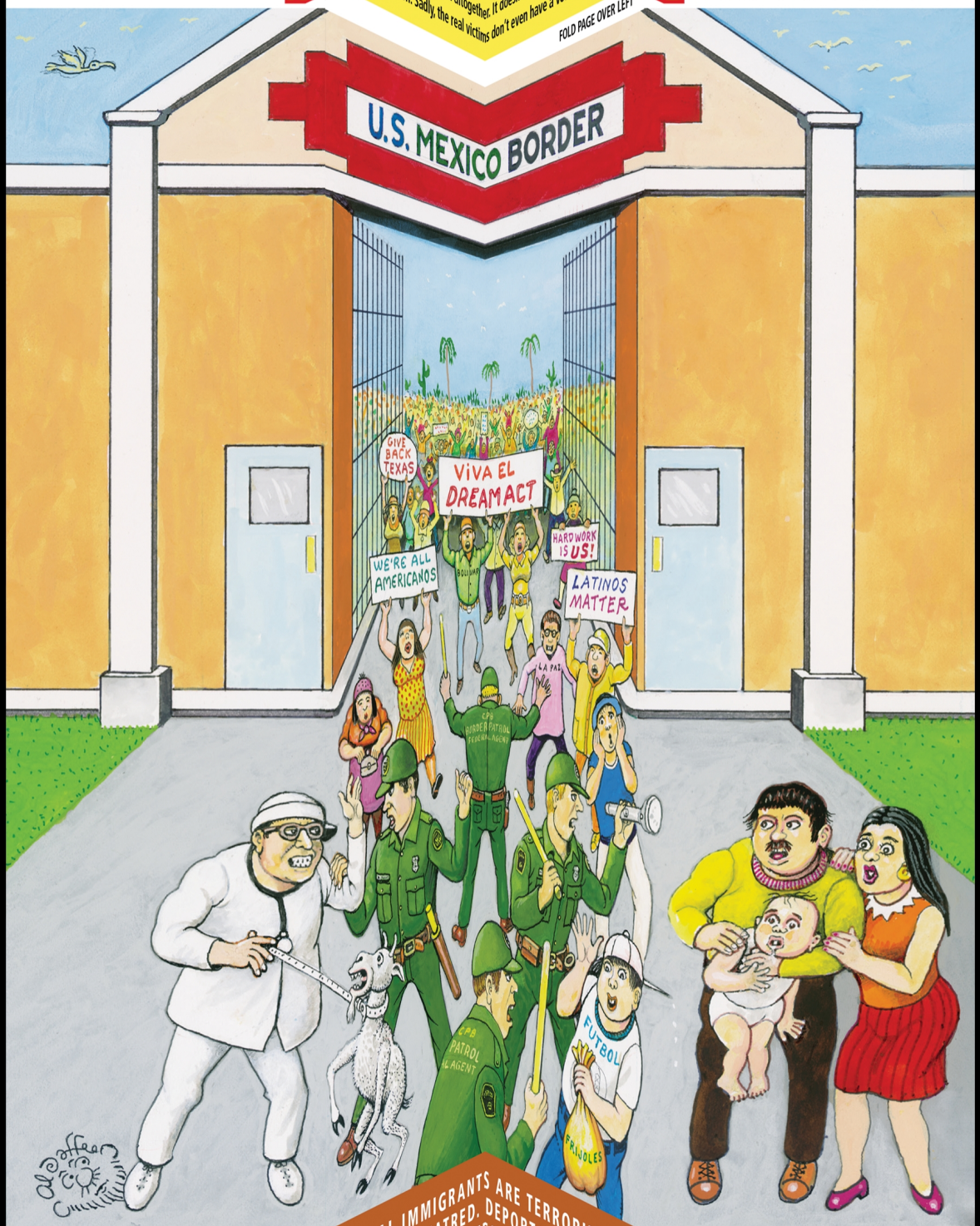

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